TODAY'S WEATHER
FAIR WITH FRESH NORTH WINDS.

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THE WEATHER

The temperature moderated rapidly yesterday. Today, according to the weather bureau at Washington, it will be fair, which does not mean that there will be a thaw. It will be cloudy and warmer tomorrow. The sun rose cloudy yesterday at 7:25 a. m. and set cloudy at 4:40 p. m. The maximum temperature was 30 degrees, at 6 p. m. The following report was furnished by the local weather bureau office.

Fair.

Time.	Bare.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	29.76	19	70	W	Lt. Snow
8 p. m.	29.80	24	74	N	Cloudy

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 27:

	1902	1901		1902	1901
Maximum	19	39	Mean	16	37
Minimum	14	55	Precipitation	.14	.01

Max. tem. 6 p. m. 30 Exc. since Jan. 1.... 75
Min. tem., midnight. 6 Nor. precip. 31 yrs. .10
Mean temperature. 18 Precip. for day..... .04
Exc. tem. 31 yrs.... 8 Defic. for day..... .07
Defic. for day..... 15 Exc. since Dec. 1..1.19
Defic. since Dec. 1..179 Exc. since Jan. 1...2.36

Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Fair Monday. Tuesday, partly cloudy; colder in south portion; probably snow near Lake Erie; fresh to brisk north winds.

Ohio—Fair Monday, except snow in northeast portion; colder in south portion. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer; fresh to brisk north winds.

West Virginia—Fair, colder Monday, except snow in the mountain districts. Tuesday, fair, warmer.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 o'clock last night:

Cincinnati	38 Cloudy	Kansas City	42 Clear
Chicago	36 Clear	Washington	36 Cloudy
St. Louis	44 Cloudy	Philadelphia	32 Clear
Atlanta	58 Clear	Louisville	42 Cloudy
Memphis	46 Clear	St. Paul	0 Clear
Omaha	34 Clear	Helena	40 Clear
New York	36 Cloudy	Denver	40 Pt.Cldy
Buffalo	34 Pt.Cldy		

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived December 27.

NEW YORK—Island, from Copenhagen.
SOUTHAMPTON—Finland, from Antwerp for New York.
LIVERPOOL—Umbria, from New York.

Sailed December 27.

QUEENSTOWN—Ivernia, for Boston.
GIBRALTAR—Carpathia, for New York.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—E. C. Goodwin in "My Wife's Husband," 8:15 p. m.
ALVIN—"The Silver Slipper," musical comedy, 8:15 p. m.
NEW GRAND—The Christmas Pantomime, "Babes in the Woods," 2 and 8 p. m.
AVENUE—Ned Wayburn's Minstrel Misses and Vaudeville; continuous performance, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.
EMPIRE—Rebecca Warren in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," 8:15 p. m.
DUQUESNE—Isabel Irving in "The Crisis," 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"Girls Will Be Girls," musical comedy, 2 and 8 p. m.
ACADEMY—Rice & Barton's Extravaganza Company, 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening.
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Eighth annual exhibition of paintings, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.
ALLEMENT CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Free organ recital by City Organist M. P. Baker, 8 p. m.

KNEW WRECK MUST HAPPEN

Awful Suspense of Those Awaiting News of Pere Marquette Disaster.

DEATH LIST GROWING

Twenty-Two Dead and Thirty-Eight Injured Taken from Wreckage.

THE BLIZZARD WAS TO BLAME

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 27.—Twenty-two dead have been taken from the two wrecked trains on the Pere Marquette at East Paris. The list of injured has also increased to 38, making it the worst disaster in the history of the system.

As the facts are gleaned of the wreck, the most tragic probably, is the story of the waiting for the news of the disaster at the dispatcher's office after it had been notified that train No. 5 had dashed past the signal station at McCords.

The train had hardly passed before the operator discovered that the terrific gale had extinguished his red light set to stop the train and had sent the fatal warning to the dispatcher's office in this city. As the direful message ticked off the wire the dispatcher knew the inevitable must happen and at once had the wrecking train backed upon the main track, physicians summoned and hospitals notified to hold their ambulances in readiness. Then came the awful wait for the news they knew must come.

The Agony of Suspense.

There was no possible chance for the two high-speed passenger trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to avert the disaster. Hope clung, however, that some fortunate circumstance might stay the hand of death. Ten, then 20 minutes passed and the operators hung over their instruments, stilled for the message of death. At last it came and a wild run by the wrecker was made to the scene of the disaster.

It was not until late this afternoon that a complete list of the dead and injured was obtained. The casualties are as follows:

THE DEAD:

MR. AND MRS. L. J. BALDWIN, Mulliken, Mich.
LOUIS BALDWIN, their son, Mulliken, Mich.
LESTER WILLIAMS, Lansing, Mich.
MRS. DAISY GILES, Howell, Mich.
BURT MYERS, Grandville on Lake Odessa, Mich.
WALTER JORDAN, Grand Rapids.
JOSEPH HULM, (colored), Windsor, Ont.
AUSTIN I. WAGER, baggagemaster, 192 Sixteenth street, Detroit.
CHARLES A. STODDARD, Detroit, engineer No. 6.
CHARLES A. DEVINE, Grand Rapids.
WILLIAM BELMRICH, Detroit, baggageman.
E. M. GILLET, Burr Oak, or Portland, Mich.
ALLEN B. WELLS, Big Rapids Mich.
FRANK BURNS, Detroit, fireman No. 5.
PETER W. WIERENGO, Grand Rapids.
GEORGE PALMER, Detroit, American express agent on No. 6.
WILLIAM SMITH, Saranac, Mich.
FOUR UNIDENTIFIED MEN.

THE INJURED:

Gerrit Molman, Grand Rapids, internal injury and hip crushed, dying; Charles West, Saranac, Mich., both legs broken, left hand torn off, probably fatally injured; John Post, Clarksville, Mich., skull fractured, nose broken, injured seriously; Alex. body and legs; Michael Maltourg, Hart, Mich., badly burned about legs, hand and breast; Charles T. Chambers, Ionia, Mich., injured about head, face, body, hands and legs; Frank Waterman, Detroit, engineer No. 5, seriously injured about head, face lacerated and internal injuries; J. C. Woodworth, Salem, Mich., injured about head and body; Edward Weigel, Grand Rapids, right leg broken and head injured; George Niel, Grand Rapids, conductor train No. 5, left leg broken and badly injured about body; R. E. Gay, Detroit, brakeman, head, body and right leg injured; Harry Inman, New York, left leg fractured and injured about the shoulders; E. B. Moon, Grand Rapids, fireman train No. 5, injured about head and body; Mrs. H. Kent, Grand Rapids, injured internally; C. N. Botsford, Farmington, Mich., mail clerk train No. 6, badly cut about head; Mrs. H. O. Gray, Grand Rapids, badly bruised about head and hips; H. O. Branch, Sunfield, Mich., badly injured about head and shoulders; George Cranmond, Grand Rapids, injured about head and leg and color bone broken; Andrew Sprague, Allegan, Mich., injured about head and body; Miss Gale Sprague, Allegan, Mich., injured about head; Claud Brown, Grand Rapids, leg injured; Mrs. H. R. Streeter, Grand Ledge, Mich., badly cut about head; Howard Miner, Grand Rapids, left arm broken; W. J. Barber, Muskegon Heights, Mich., injured about head and face; the Rev. James Humphrey, pastor Church of Christ, Lansing, Mich., badly cut about face; Timothy Qualey, Grand Rapids, seriously injured about back; J. T. Coull, Grand Rapids, badly cut about hands and shoulders; John Rose, Lansing, injured about legs and arms; Harry T. Post, Grand Rapids, leg badly injured; Ada Keller, Clarksville, Mich., left leg injured.

Awful Scene at Wreck.

The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way from fence to fence.

The westbound engine, No. 307, drove through No. 6's engine like a wedge, separating the gear from the boiler and standing the latter on end like a broken, twisted shell. The running gear was crumpled up like so much twine. Great cast steel side rods bent into many shapes and even the steel tires of the big driving wheels split and sprung from the wheels, landing, in some cases, ten feet from the engine. The boiler of engine No. 307 turned over several times and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung 40 feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

As the trains came together, the steam dome of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam.

No. 6, eastbound, was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and

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CRUISER DIXIE LADEN WITH MARINES, GUNS AND STORES FOR PANAMA

Evidence That Long Campaign Is Expected on Isthmus.

SIX HUNDRED MEN

Besides a Regiment, Gen. Elliott Is Equipped With Material for Permanent Post.

IS THOROUGHLY FITTED OUT

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—With her decks piled high with stores, every available spot between decks crowded with bales and boxes, her cargo space filled with camp supplies and carrying five wagon loads of small arms and ammunition, in addition to her normal supply, the cruiser Dixie lies at League Island navy yard ready to sail at 7:30 tomorrow morning. She has on board a regiment of 600 marines, under Lieut. Col. L. W. T. Waller, together with the brigadier general commanding the marine corps, Gen. Elliott, and his aides, Capts. Evans and Leonard.

The marine companies going out on the Dixie have been brought up to their full limit, the vacancies being filled yesterday from the barracks at the yard. The stores, with which the cruiser is laden so that the red band denoting her load water line has disappeared, are of a character that denote a permanent occupancy of the isthmus.

This is strengthened by the fact that the organization includes a brigade paymaster and a brigade quartermaster. Every possible speed was shown in getting the cruiser in trim. The small stores people and the ship's crew worked on Saturday night until midnight getting boxes of various provisions on board, and the Sunday stillness of the yard was broken by the noise of laboring parties.

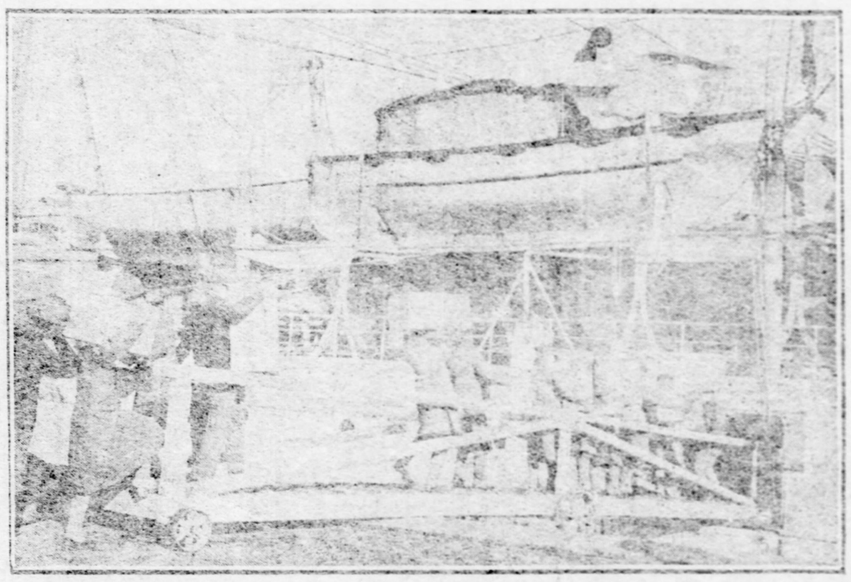
When the Dixie came north she carried provisions enough to last a regiment on the voyage down. The supplies she is now taking on are for the brigade on shore and are sufficient, with the addition of fresh meat from the refrigerator ship to last the column six months. Lumber for tent floors means the building of permanent posts and the large number of wagons taken on board can only be for the use of a force operating in the interior of the country.

Besides this, complete outfits for field use, such as blacksmith's forges, anvils, stoves and many other things not usually taken with a marine expedition, point out the thoroughness with which the regiment has been fitted out.

The last of the marines, Company D, from League Island, went aboard at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Three other companies, two from Boston and one from Washington, arrived earlier in the day.

COLON, Dec. 27.—The marines from the converted cruiser Prairie who have been stationed at Yaviza have gone from there to Panama, and are now located at Basobispo, a station on the Panama railroad occupying the houses of the canal company. The election of delegates to the constitutional convention took place today. The United States gunboat Castine has arrived here.

Loading Stores for the Marines at the Isthmus



The auxiliary cruiser Dixie will start today from the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, with a contingent of marines for duty on the Isthmus of Panama.

MINISTER WRITES DRAMA AND PRODUCES IT IN PULPIT

Baltimore Pastor Carries Out His Announced Intention of Presenting a Play Before His Congregation—His Daughter in Cast.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—The Rev. A. P. Sterger, pastor of the Trinity German Lutheran church, who stirred up the ministers of this city last week by announcing that he intended to present a play written by himself at his church on Sunday night, produced the drama tonight before a large audience.

The play, which was a moral and religious one, is entitled "An Orphan." The plot deals with the trials of an orphan girl who is left penniless through an unscrupulous aunt who embezzled the money. The drama was well staged and costumed, and the participants acted their parts well. The performance was in German, and the proceeds will be given to the poor.

Miss Josephine Sterger, daughter of the minister, was in the cast. Before the performance 75 children marched on the stage and sang, "Lead, Kindly Light," while the portrait of President McKinley was exhibited. When President Roosevelt's picture was shown they sang the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The Rev. Mr. Sterger intends to write another play, to be produced later. It will be called "From the Cradle to the Grave." It will deal with the life of Martin Luther.

SAILOR SUES SHIPOWNERS FOR LEG BIT OFF BY SHARK

Was Thrown Overboard During Storm and Maimed While in the Ocean.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—A remarkable sea story, which includes the fall of a sailor from a spar 100 feet high into a stormy ocean, where a ravenous shark was waiting for him, and also his thrilling escape, alive, but maimed, from both dangers, has come to light through a damage suit which Juan Martinez, a Philadelphia seaman, has instituted in Savannah against the Italian bark Margherita.

One night last July, while the Margherita was off the Falkland Islands, he was ordered to the foretopsail to reef the sail. A sudden lurch threw the sailor far out over the side of the craft, falling headforemost into the sea. He started swimming. A shark appeared in front of him, made a dive and snapped its huge jaws together.

It bit off Martinez's leg close to the body with one snap. When the sailor tried to swim, he found that while he could not progress he could at least keep afloat. This he managed to do until a boat was lowered and his mates hauled him to safety. He recovered, but is crippled for life. Hence he has brought suit for $5,000 against the vessel.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

King of Denmark Ill.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—King Christian of Denmark is ill at Gmunden, Austria, and his departure for Copenhagen has been postponed.

MANY THINGS POINT TO AN EARLY CONFLICT

Passengers from London Have Seen Evidence of Approaching War.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In the opinion of three passengers who arrived today from Liverpool by the Cunarder Etruria, war between Russia and Japan is inevitable. This trio consists of L. P. Phillips, a war correspondent of the London Daily Express, who is hurrying to the scene of the impending conflict and R. Krishna and A. J. De Sousa, merchants of Shanghai, who have been on a business trip to London and who are now going back to China.

One extraordinary statement which Mr. De Sousa made is that the management of the Nippon line of steamships has obtained a British captain for each of its ships and provided each captain with a certified check equivalent to the purchase price of the ship which he commands. These captains have received instructions, that, immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities they are to hasten to the nearest British consulate, make out a bill of sale to themselves, record themselves as British subjects and sole owners of the ships, obtain a British registry for them and hoist the British flag.

"That is all true," said Mr. Phillips, "and has been known in England for some time. But it has not been published there for the reason that the English papers at this crisis are not printing news of this kind."

"And," added Mr. De Sousa, "they have remained silent on the big shipments of munitions of war which are being made day by day from Woolwich arsenal to the China station."

Mr. Phillips, whose home is in Pittsburgh, left for that city where he will make a brief visit to his mother and will then start for San Francisco, where he hopes to catch the Pacific mail steamer Seberis, sailing on January 7.

FRANK A. PARKER.

SMOOT MAY RESIGN.

Report in Washington That Utah Senator Will Vacate His Seat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—It is reported in Washington tonight that Senator Reed Smoot of Utah will resign his seat in the senate. The report is that, after summoning him to Utah, the Mormon church has suggested that he resign rather than that the church shall go through an investigation by the senate.

It will be remembered that Senator Smoot was directed to return an answer to the charges preferred against him not later than a week ago Saturday. At the last moment, Mr. Smoot pleaded for delay and with the permission of the committee left for Utah to have his brief prepared.

SMITHSON'S REMAINS TO BE BROUGHT TO AMERICA

GENOA, Dec. 27.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, has arrived here. He will convey to the Smithsonian institution at Washington, D. C., the remains of James Smithson, founder of the institution, who died in Genoa in 1829.

HIS FORTUNE HAD BEEN SWEPT AWAY

Pathetic Phase of Philadelphia Politician's Life Revealed by Death.

FIDELITY IS NOW REWARDED

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Penn Building,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 27.

That there is below the Skylock surface of practical politics, a sub-strata of sentiment, which exemplifies the spirit of an ideal humanity, was emphasized by an incident made public today. It was the general impression that the late State Senator John T. Harrison, retired mill owner and Republican nominee for receiver of taxes, died a rich man. Such was not the case.

His fight for election as senator, and the expenses of leadership in the Twenty-second ward, together with certain stock market investments, believed to be safe by political leaders, swept away his fortune. It is probable that no one except Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, and two or three of his close friends knew that Harrison had suffered financial reverses. He had always been loyal to Durham and his reward was to have been the office for which he was nominated the week before his death.

Shortly after Harrison's funeral Mr. Durham learned that there was a mortgage of $5,000 upon the home of the deceased. Durham, James P. McNichol and Senator George A. Vare pooled three checks of $2,000 each, paid off the mortgage and presented Mrs. Harrison with the remaining $1,000, informing her that she should feel no apprehension so far as herself and children were concerned, for the future.

This instance of political philanthropy would never have been known by the general public had not the beneficiary confided the secret to friends.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

GUILTY OF BUYING STOCK.

John D. Rockefeller's Confidential Man Discharged for an Indiscretion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—John D. Rockefeller has discharged his confidential man, who for 20 years guarded the door of the oil king's residence, No. 4 West Fifty-fourth street, and acted as the millionaire's valet, bodyguard and trusted messenger, having been also special attendant for the children before they grew up.

On the eve of the Christmas holidays the Standard Oil magnate called Henry Prendergast into his library and sternly told him to find another place. Prendergast, by his own confession, was guilty of buying 10 shares of stock with part of his accumulated savings of years.

Mr. Rockefeller told his employe that if he bought the stock expecting a rise, he was gambling and trying to get something for nothing, and that if he had acted on any information or hints learned within the walls of the Rockefeller house he was guilty of grave indiscretion.

ADVISERS FOR M'CLELLAN.

Mayors of Other Cities Invited to "Amen Corner" Dinner in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—In order that Mayor-elect McClellan may profit by the experience of mayors of other cities at the outset of his career, the "Amen Corner" croakers have decided that when Mr. McClellan is their guest at dinner on January 27 he will have to listen to the advice of several men who have held similar offices in other cities.

Invitations to attend and to tell the new mayor how to conduct his office so as to avoid criticism have been sent to Carter Harrison, mayor of Chicago; John Weaver, mayor of Philadelphia; Patrick Collins, mayor of Boston, and Louis Mayfield, the "lame" mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.

One of the most notable speeches will be delivered by Seattle Thomas C. Platt, who is a personal admirer of the mayor-elect.

NEARING WAR IN FAR EAST

No Change in the Opinion That a Conflict Is Inevitable.

CHINA MAKING READY

Russia Beginning to Take Into Account Japan's Possible Allies.

MAY INVOLVE ALL OF EUROPE

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

Peking, Dec. 27.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged. Official communications from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government.

The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign troops available for active service. The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 30,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict, at the request of Prince China, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the department which has to do with the supply of ammunition.

Influential officials continue in their determination to keep China neutral, if possible, in the event of war.

Russia Watching China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—(Special Cable.)—The Russian government is noting with keenest interest the uncommon energy shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors. This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's calculations, increasing, as it does, the possibilities of war and broadening out the situation on new lines.

Nor does the attitude of the Chinese in the least dismay the war party here. Quite to the contrary, its members compare the possible entry of China into the arena to the following of the Orange Free State in espousing the Transvaal cause with the results of losing its freedom and making the campaign doubly easy for the English. In diplomatic circles China's attitude was also a topic of constant interest, the view taken being that if Russia is attacked by two powers, according to the terms of the Franco-Russian alliance France must come to aid her ally, following upon which nothing could stop England from coming in, as she is bound to do by the recent treaty should Japan be attacked by more than one power.

No Entanglement for Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—European diplomats pertured at the prospect of a Russo-Japanese clash, which, if it comes, will surely disturb the entire peace of all Europe, are diligently trying to ascertain what will be the position of the United States during the prospective war. The policy of this government is, of course, to keep its hands clear of all entanglements in the far east, but the rights it has obtained by treaty to Manchuria and the privileges it hopes to gain in Korea give it vital and substantial interest which cannot escape being affected in the event of strife in Asia.

Since Secretary Hay has been ill the situation has become more grave. Mr. Hay, of course, is the spokesman of this government on matters of diplomacy and his absence from the department robs the ambassadors of the interested countries from having the long, frank and confidential talks with him they usually do at times of international turbulence.

Mr. Hay's three weeks' illness, though uncomfortable to himself, has not been without diplomatic advantage. The American commercial treaty has been ratified by the United States senate, although not by the throne at Peking. The Russian ambassador has not seen Mr. Hay for several weeks and he has not been informed just what ground this government will take toward thorough insistence on its treaty rights in Manchuria. Mr. Hay is never inactive while war clouds lower, and will doubtless take advantage of the desire of Russia to avoid complications while embroiled with Japan to seek advantages for the United States in China.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ORDERS AMERICAN BEEF

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Cudahy Packing Company of South Omaha is just in receipt of an order for 1,000,000 pounds of extra mess beef from the Russian government. The shipment must be made from South Omaha so as to reach San Francisco before January 26. On that date two Russian ships will be prepared to sail from that port.

NEW PROFIT-SHARING PLAN FOR U. S. STEEL EMPLOYES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—It is said that the United States Steel Corporation will announce on December 31 an attractive profit-sharing plan for the benefit of its employes. The changes to be proposed are not known, but it is understood that the finance committee of the Steel Corporation has had the matter under advisement for some time.

Insurrection in South Africa.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.—A serious insurrection has broken out among the Hendekaffers tribes in Great Namaqualand, German Southwest Africa. Three native chiefs have collected in the Kuras mountains.

GOVERNMENT CAN PAY CASH

No Bonds to Be Issued for the Panama Canal Right-of-Way.

MONEY IN TREASURY

The $40,000,000 for the French Company and $10,000,000 for New Republic on Hand.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEGUN

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 39, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.

With an available cash balance of $226,202,128 at the command of the secretary of the treasury, with $165,122,955 of this amount loaned to banks without interest, and with the current receipts of the government running ahead of the expenditures, it is not probable that the administration will yield to the wishes of certain financial interests and increase the interest bearing debt of the United States $50,000,000 to meet the Panama canal payments.

These payments of $40,000,000 to the French canal company and $10,000,000 to the republic of Panama will be made immediately after the ratification of the pending treaty by the United States senate.

Though Secretary Shaw has not yet made any public statement as to how he proposes to make the payments, it can be said that he has no present intention of issuing bonds. On the contrary he has already begun preparations for making the payments direct from the treasury. His first step was to augment the available cash balance by gradually refunding the funds set apart to the credit of the various disbursing officers of the government, and which were far in excess of their immediate requirements. In this way about $9,000,000 have been added to the available cash balance.

This process will be continued until at least $10,000,000 more have been added to the available cash, bringing it up to about $250,000,000. At present the amount of the available cash balance that is actually in the treasury vaults is about $75,000,000, or very little more than sufficient to meet the canal payments. By the time the treaty is ratified this amount will probably be increased to $80,000,000 or more. As the treasury officials like to keep a "working balance" of available cash on hand approximating $30,000,000, it will obviously be impossible to make the canal payments without either drawing government funds from the banks or reducing the "working balance" to a very low level.

The present expectation at the treasury department is that the banks will be drawn on for a considerable part of the canal money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mr. Bunau-Varilla, minister of Panama to the United States, stated tonight that he had notified Sir H. Mortimer Durand, British ambassador to the United States of Panama's willingness to assume part of the exterior debt of Colombia, in proportion to the population of Panama compared with that of Colombia. The minister says this will be done as soon as the independence of Panama is recognized by Colombia.

THIEVES FOUGHT BATTLE AS PALS BLEW OPEN SAFE

Twenty-eight Hundred Dollars Stolen or Destroyed by Western Bank Robbers.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SOUTH M'ALESTER, I. T., Dec. 27.—A bold bank robbery, attended by a desperate battle between a posse of citizens and robbers, occurred at Howe, a small town 16 miles south of this city today, the robbers securing and destroying about $2,800 which was in the bank.

The first charge of nitroglycerin made no impression on the safe, but this alone aroused residents, and when a posse of 20 men congregated in the street parts at the rear of the bank. A volley of shots was fired at the building and it was at once returned by the postmode of the robbers secreted on the outside of the structure. An almost incessant fire was kept up for half an hour, during which time the robbers continued their effort to open the safe.

It required three discharges to force the door. The third explosion was terrific and almost completely demolished the safe, as well as the interior of the bank. Paper money was blown into shreds, large quantities of mutilated bills being left by the bandits.

After leaving the safe the robbers left the building from the front and backed off into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the posse. The men went to a northerly direction and were followed quite a distance. It is said that one of the robbers was injured.

The bank officials place their monetary loss at $2,800. It is believed that the bandits made away with only a small part of this sum, the paper money being almost altogether destroyed by the explosion. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

MANY FOUGHT FOR FOOD AT A CHARITY DINNER

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—During a struggle of the hyngry men, women and children waiting for admission, which followed the opening of the doors of the Coliseum, where the Volunteers of America today gave their annual Christmas dinner, several glass doors were demolished and two dozen policemen on duty at the place managed to restore order with the greatest difficulty.

In the rush several women and children were knocked down and trampled on, but none were seriously injured. The crowd was the largest that ever assembled at such an affair in Chicago and when every one had been fed and had had a share of the food remaining

HANNA BOOM AGAIN ARISES

Gen. Charles Dick Makes Significant Statement About the Matter.

AIMED AT FORAKER

His Man Appointed Judge by President and Hanna's Friends Become Resentful Thereat.

WAIT FOR HANNA TO TALK

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.

A dispatch from Akron, O., today says that Representative Charles Dick, Republican state chairman, has modified his views concerning the probability of Senator Hanna being a candidate for president, and that when he was asked today to give his opinion upon that subject he said: "I do not discuss that question at all." In view of the fact that a few weeks ago Gen. Dick made a positive statement that Senator Hanna would not be a candidate, his refusal to talk now is considered significant. Gen. Dick has suggested that the Republican state convention be held in May and this late date is taken by some to indicate activity in the Hanna ranks, although Gen. Dick scouts the idea.

However, nothing less than the word of Senator Hanna himself will convince the senator's friends here that he is a candidate for the nomination, notwithstanding the boom that is persistently put forward by his supporters in Ohio and in other parts of the country. This opinion is based principally upon the assertion made some months ago by Senator Hanna that he was not at that time and would not be a candidate. Mr. Hanna is a man who usually says what he means and does not go behind the bush. If he had any intention of making the race for the presidency it would be like his way to say so or say nothing, and he would not be expected to deny it. The Hanna talk that is heard among the Republican workers in Ohio is easily accounted for. It represents the loyalty of the Republicans in the ranks to Senator Hanna as their leader, and it voices the resentment of the Hanna faction against the activity upon the part of Senator Foraker and the prestige that is awarded Foraker by the administration. For, despite surface indications, the Foraker and Hanna camps are still far apart in Ohio and the leader of the former faction is taking advantage of the Hanna boom to strengthen his own standing with the administration.

Wright's Appointment Makes Trouble.

Some months ago Senator Foraker recommended the appointment of Judge D. Thew Wright of Cincinnati as justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. Senator Hanna opposed the appointment, at the request of George B. Cox, the Republican leader of Cincinnati, and the matter was allowed to rest for a time until after the election in Ohio. It is usual when the two senators from a state cannot agree upon an appointment for the president to select a man not recommended by either of them or to give the place to a state where both senators can agree. But in this case the president evidently wished to reward Senator Foraker for his services in behalf of the indorsement of the Roosevelt candidacy by the Ohio state convention, and he appointed Judge Wright.

This action was heralded abroad as a Foraker victory and a snub for Hanna, though Mr. Hanna evidently did not smart under it and showed no disposition to protest. But soon after the appointment of Judge Wright the Hanna boom assumed greater proportions and the talk became more and more general to the effect that the friends of Senator Hanna were disposed in this manner to register their disapproval of the appointment. There is also significance in the fact that the newspaper in Cincinnati that has recently been publishing editorials in the interest of Senator Hanna and expressing doubt as to president Roosevelt's ability to carry New York state, if nominated, is controlled at least largely influenced by Mr. Cox, whose disappointment was keenest at the selection of Judge Wright for the District supreme court vacancy.

Why Ohio Urges Hanna Boom.

To those who have kept in touch with the Ohio situation this Wright incident explains in a large measure the Hanna boom in Ohio, where it appears to be the strongest. In the south, whence come Democratic majorities, the Hanna boom rests entirely upon the resentment of the southern people of the president's attitude towards the negro question. No friend of the negro can be their friend, but since there is not one chance in a million of any Republican candidate carrying one of the southern states, it doesn't matter much. The Hanna talk in the east is so easily accounted for. It emanates from those antagonized by Roosevelt as "unsafe," which means that he has shown that he proposes to enforce the law, even if it does interfere with certain trusts and combinations, such as the Northern Securities Company.

With these facts in mind the senator's friends decline to consider him in the presidential race until he positively announces his candidacy and they will be greatly surprised to hear such announcement. L. W. SOFAYER.

ATTORNEY D. T. WATSON LEAVES FOR CHICAGO

Pittsburgher to Represent Chicago in Controversy With Traction Lines.

Attorney David T. Watson has decided to take the lead in the prosecution of the Chicago city's side of the controversy over the so-called 50-year act, at the hearing before Judge Grosscup in the higher federal courts.

Mr. Watson left last night on the Pennsylvania limited for the Windy City, where he will confer with the district attorney of Cook county, Ill., in which the traction company operates cars. He will then be prepared in this city to what promises to be a famous case, as delicate technicalities are expected to be brought up by both sides to the controversy. He expects to return home tomorrow.

Mr. Watson has but recently returned from London, England, where he was United States counsel before the Alaskan boundary commission, which decided the dispute with Canada in favor of the United States.

Union Label Was Indorsed.

At the meeting of the United Labor League last night at 535 Smithfield street, Wister Altman, national representative of the United Garment Workers, gave an address on the dispute with the clothing manufacturers. The position of the garment workers and their label were indorsed. It was announced that about 50 organizations connected with the league would be admitted at the next meeting.

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BETROTHED BEGS TO SEE HER FIANCE

Miss Lillian Bennett Arrives Here to Attend Funeral of Ambrose Good.

NOT ALLOWED TO VIEW BODY

"I want to see him," pleaded Miss Lillian Bennett, who yesterday after her arrival at McKeesport from New York was taken into a darkened room where reposed the bier of her fiance, Ambrose Good, one of the victims of the Baltimore & Ohio wreck. They had been children together in Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England, and in her mind she carried a picture of a robust youth. Not wishing to rob her of this and save her shock, she will not be permitted to see the body.

Miss Bennett, accompanied by George Good, a brother of the deceased, arrived in McKeesport yesterday morning, and after a rest was taken to the home of Thomas R. Good, also a brother, at 806 Soles street, where the remains lie. She will remain there indefinitely. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, and the interment will be at Versailles. The Rev. James Wright of Allegheny will officiate. The pallbearers will be G. Miller, Thomas Budd, Thomas Lane, James Rowlinson, Thomas Davis and James Cooper, all of whom were friends of the deceased.

Tried to Spare Her Feelings.

On her way from New York she passed Laurel Run, where her fiance was killed while on his way to welcome her as she ended her sea voyage. The train was 2 hours and 30 minutes late and the passengers were astir when the place was reached, but everyone aboard the car was acquainted with the pathetic story of Miss Bennett, and all references to the wreck were carefully avoided.

The girl and her companion were met at the McKeesport depot by T. R. Good, his wife and the son and daughter of George Good. As Miss Bennett alighted from the train she was affectionately embraced by the two women. Few persons were at the station and Miss Bennett was first taken to the home of George Good on Tucker street, where she spent several hours in rest. Miss Bennett is a comely girl and was attired in a waist of blue material and a black skirt. Many were the condolences she received from friends of the family. Occasionally she gave way to her grief, but for the most part she preserved a calmness that was indicative of the numbing despair which the tragedy had wrought upon her.

Well Treated in New York.

Among those who called on Miss Bennett last night was Thomas Perry of McKees Rocks, with whom she was acquainted in England.

"Everyone has been so good to me here since I arrived that I can scarcely realize what has come to me. I first heard of Ambrose's death on the steamer. I was in the breakfast room when I heard my name called. I answered and a young man told me that Ambrose had met with an accident. I begged to be allowed to land and go to him, but they told me that I could not leave the ship. Then another man asked me if I had heard the news and I said that I had. He then asked me if they had told me how Ambrose was killed. I was stunned, and after that I remember no more until I found myself in bed in my stateroom. When the man said, 'Ambrose is dead,' I could not believe it. When his brother arrived to meet me, I knew Ambrose was gone, and it has broken my heart."

THE SHADOW OF ETERNITY FELL UPON MERRY SINGERS

Gladsome Tunes Changed to "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Just Before the Wreck.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 27.—Three bodies in the morgue were identified today. They are Henry M. Tobles, 818 West Greenwich street, Reading. His was previously reported as Louis Seiler and it was learned today that the latter had assumed that name about a year ago for some reason unknown. He was working in Pittsburgh and was presumably on his way home. Leonard Sancenato of New Castle, Del., identified the body as his brother, Antonio Sancenato. The young man having on his person the Westinghouse employe checks, was today identified as Charles Ehrensberg of Park Ridge, N. J. He was on his way to the home of his stepfather, Olana Peterson at Park Ridge.

Relatives from Pittsburgh today claimed the body of James Fox, colored, and it was shipped to that city. The body of John Kimball, who lived at home in New York, was identified by a brother, and his body will be interred in the cemetery here tomorrow. Only three bodies remain to be identified. Two have been identified positively, making in all five bodies of the 65 that will probably be buried in unknown graves.

An incident preceding the wreck of the Duquesne limited Wednesday night is told by C. H. Williams, a New York traveling man, who was seated in the women's coach of the train. When Conductor Louis Heigoth opened the door to the smoking car, only a few seconds before the limited plunged to destruction in Laurel Run, the strains of "Nearer, My God to Thee" floated out to the ears of the passengers in the next coach. Four men composing a Western Union telegraph line gang, W. J. Belger and Charles Wagner, Richley Sickley and Charles and J. W. Ketzner and J. W. Marvin of Cumberland, Md., sang it.

They were on their way home to spend Christmas with their relatives and friends. They had been jocularly singing, from the time the train left Pittsburgh and every one in the smoker was attracted by the music. Finally, when the train neared the point where the fatal wreck occurred they began "Nearer My God to Thee."

Everybody in the smoker and those in the next coach bent their heads as the notes of the music reached them. Conductor Heigoth paused as he opened the door and listened for some moments as if not to disturb the singers. The voices were strained to catch every note of the beautiful hymn and as the song proceeded, dozens in the cars joined in the chorus. The last words of the hymn were interrupted by the awful crash that sent 65 souls into eternity.

MET AT THE BIER.

All That Is Mortal of Wreck Victim Now at Home of Bride-to-Be.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Death and love met this morning at the bier of young Robert Davidson, who was killed Wednesday night in the Baltimore & Ohio wreck at Laurel run, while on his way to marry Miss Hannah Weidman at the residence of his uncle, Samuel Baille, 1727 North Sixth street.

In the parlor of the residence, where the marriage was to have taken place, was Miss Weidman, sobbing beside the casket containing the mangled remains of her lover. Instead of the bridal gown she wore white, she was attired in deep mourning. The funeral was conducted according to Masonic rites.

MILLVALE CHURCH DEDICATED.

Many Lutheran Ministers Participate in Three Special Services.

The Rev. C. A. Boorp and the congregation of the Christ Lutheran church, Millvale, yesterday dedicated their new church building at Lincoln avenue and Sedgwick street and $8,000 was subscribed toward the completion of the edifice. The Rev. C. P. Wiles, pastor of the Mt. Zion church, Pittsburgh, delivered the morning sermon and the Rev. J. W. Pofinger, of Vandergrift, delivered an address in the afternoon.

Addresses in the afternoon were delivered by the Rev. J. M. Goss of the Emmanuel English Lutheran church of Elsa; the Rev. J. C. D. Rhinehardt of the Methodist Episcopal church of Millvale; the Rev. C. M. Mehlenpfahl of the First Presbyterian church, Millvale; the Rev. C. P. Wiles, the Rev. J. W. Pofinger and Clarice Stellet, of the Trinity church, Allegheny. At the evening service the dedicatory sermon was delivered by the Rev. T. F. Little, president of the Pittsburgh synod.

CHURCH IS LOOTED BY BOLD THIEVES

Edifice of North Avenue Methodist Congregation, Allegheny, Ransacked After Services.

SECURED GOLD AND SILVER

Thieves in Allegheny have become so bold that they have extended their operations to the churches. The North Side police were yesterday notified that the North Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, at North avenue and Arch street, had been ransacked from the top to bottom and a costly gold watch and a lot of silverware stolen a few nights ago. The watch was the property of the music director and had been given to him as a Christmas present by members of the choir and the church.

The robbery occurred early last Monday morning, but the loss of the watch was not reported until yesterday. The director had left it in the choir loft behind the pulpit and forgot to take it home. The robbery was discovered by the janitor, whose theory is that the robbers secreted themselves in the church after the services on Sunday night.

The janitor said he made his usual rounds after services, locked up the church and went home. The next morning at 8 o'clock he found the interior in confusion. The desk of the secretary of the Sabbath school had been broken open and the contents of every drawer strewn upon the floor, and the desk in the library of the librarian was in the same condition.

Every closet and cupboard in the lower floor of the church building had been "jimmied" with a carpet lifter. Even a closet in the infant department had been broken into. In the cupboard in the kitchen the thieves found 12 dozen of silver spoons, which they carried off.

The secretary of the Sabbath school has been selling a large number of volumes containing the Sabbath school lessons for the new year at 80 cents a volume, and in bulk like sales a considerable amount of money had been handled during the Sabbath school hour in the afternoon, and it is the opinion of the church authorities that the thieves were in the Sabbath school and spied the pile of cash on the secretary's desk.

The traces of their operations indicated that they had made a thorough but vain search for this money, believing that it had been locked up in the safe until the next day before being deposited in the bank. In the hunt for the money even the clock had been taken down from the wall in the library. The clock was found lying on the floor and stopped at 2:40, showing the hours the thieves had been at work for three or four hours after the janitor had left the premises.

From the Sabbath school library the thieves were traced by the rear stairway to the main auditorium of the church, on the second floor, where the box of the music director's Christmas present was found by the thieves. The collection baskets had been picked up, for they were found thrown into a pew. Even the sailor's hats in the church had been searched by the thieves, who made their exit by a side door on the first floor.

OFFICIALS KNEW THAT WRECK MUST HAPPEN

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diner. The baggage coach caught between the engine and heavy train crumpled up like pasteboard, only the roof remaining partially unbroken. The big blind mail coach, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, but withstood the crash and remained upright to the rear of the next in the rear. The smoker was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker in turn crashed several feet into the parlor car, and it was at the rear end of the cafe car where all the passengers were killed and injured. From a space six feet square, the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

Many Acts of Kindness.

The westbound flyer, with its heavy bulkhead cars, remained on the rails, back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers in this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed out of the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city. Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars. No. 6 and into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valiant service.

According to statements made by officials of the Pere Marquette, the westbound train was traveling down grade at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The eastbound train was climbing the hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The former carried probably 75 passengers, while that latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons. The two trains collided at about the middle of a long, sweeping curve, three-quarters of a mile west of East Paris. On the inner side of the curve is a high embankment preventing a view of the track ahead.

When the engines met, one turned completely over and by with its nose in a direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the center of the debris.

In the cafe coach of the ill-fated eastbound train, which was demolished so far back as the rear of the forward trucks, one of the most shocking of the many tragedies of the wreck was enacted.

Section Foreman Linden J. Baldwin, wife and son, had spent Christmas in Grand Rapids, and were returning to their home at Mullikeh. Between the man and wife sitting on the top of the car seat, and playing with a bank received as a Christmas gift was their little son. The crash came and all three met death. A beam flying through the air struck the child, beheading him. Mother and son were found together on the floor of the cafe car by the wrecking crew when they penetrated into the wreck.

Dead Were Frozen.

The first relief train sent out from here brought in the injured and those of the dead who could be recovered without the aid of the wrecking outfit. The injured were rushed to the hospitals, where everything was in readiness for their reception. The second relief train, with the tool car and steam crane, was sent to the wreck as soon as the temporary hospital train had arrived here. Within 20 minutes the wrecking crew had taken out eight bodies, each one of them frozen stiff. These were brought here and sent to the morgue.

Shortly before noon a third train from the wreck arrived with the last of the bodies, those of Engineer Stoddard and Fireman Eaves, which had been found beneath the wreckage of the engines. Burns' body was burned into shapelessness. General Superintendent Smith interviewed Operator Booth at McCords last night, and said today:

"I have no reason to doubt the statement of Booth that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed McCords, and that the wind extinguished it. He is an old operator and has been in the employ of the road several years.

"This is the first wreck in which the Pere Marquette ever killed a passenger on its own train. The road has killed passengers on other trains, persons at crossings and employes, but never before has it killed outright or fatally injured a passenger of its own."

Coroner Dull at Hillsdale impaneled a jury today and the remains of the dead were claimed. The coroner says the jury will not sit before January 3, and in fact he is unable to state the day when it will begin the investigation of the accident.

Magnificent Achievement Is Earnest of Splendid Future

The final number of The Sunday Gazette for 1903, issued yesterday, was a splendid achievement and one worthy of the ideals and ambitions of its publishers. It fittingly marks the high-tide of journalistic attainment during the year that is passing away and holds sure promise of still greater things for the year soon to be born.

Passing over The Gazette's unequaled foreign and local news service, it is not possible, in this brief space, to mention the exclusive features which appeared in yesterday's issue. Among the subjects treated editorially were "Municipal Slaughter," "Japan's Imperial Ambition," "Great Britain's Tariff Fight," "The Music of the Poor," and "The Incoming of the New Year." John L. Cowan's article on the canal to connect the Amazon and La Plata rivers in South America is of special interest to Pittsburghers. "The Evolution of Utopia," by A. Von Rade, "A Remarkable Archeological Find," by Chester Coleman; "Prophets of Evil," by Felix L. Oswald, and "The Fatherland's Flucht," by Poultney Bigelow, are all of great general interest. F. A. McKenzie's letter from West Australia proves that the United States has no monopoly in the growing of towns over night. Arnold Bennett contributes an interesting letter from Tien-Tsin on the Russo-Japanese situation. Among other fascinating themes, George Sebel, in his "Books and Bookmen" discusses Tolstoy, Shakespeare and Wagner, and the attitude of the first named to the two latter. Charles M. Bregg, in "Plays and Players," deals a little in retrospect and a good deal in the prospects for the remainder of the season. He also has some interesting things to say about the offerings at the various local theaters this week. Catherine Talbot has a splendid budget of musical news.

John O. Beglin's "Financial Retrospect of the Past Year," "Outlook For 1904," and "Chronological Review of 1903," together with carefully compiled and tabulated statistics showing capital of new corporations, railroad mileage, range during 1902 and 1903 on the leading local and New York stocks, cereal crops and bank exchanges for the year, are of great and permanent interest and value. Mr. Beglin's article on "Expansion in Local Banking" is an impressive and thoughtful story of one of the most remarkable periods in the financial history of any city.

The Sunday Home Journal section of The Gazette was more attractive both in dress and matter than ever before. The cover design, in color, "Making a New Year's Call," by Ludwig Hoandg, is superb. The fiction is bright and timely and there is a generous supply of it. A new feature is "Little Poems of Greater Pittsburgh," to which "Aesthetic Flossie—a Sartorial Rhapsody" is the first contribution. "At the Orchestra Concerts" tells a lot more about the audience than the music and is as bright and clever a bit of humorous literature as one could wish to read. Of course, there's Mistress Pepys, as fresh and original as usual. "New Year's Resolutions," "The Institution of Woman," and "The So-called Loss of Illusions" are editorials by Sophie Gates Kerr, which every woman reader will vote a great improvement on the masculine style of editorial. Other good features are: "Home Life in Pittsburgh's Popular Apartment Houses," "Begging Letters and Others," by Ian Maclaren; "Midwinter Ball Gowns," by Catherine Howard; "Correct Styles for Men," "The Quest of Beauty," "Practical Household Topics," etc.

Among the many splendid features in the general news sections of the paper are "The Genial Idiot," in which John Kendrick Bangs, the poished master of stinkless repartee, gives liberally of his best; Billy Burgundy's "Tale of the Sly Guy Who Got Stung Badly," "Tips From the World's Literature," by Dorothy Dix; "Poetic Fancies of Japanese New Year Cards," by Noel Y. Hart; "The War God of Japan," by Clarence L. Brownell.

The colored comic section has several new and delightfully funny features. Of course, "The Coon Hollow Folks" and "Buster Brown" are still there and funnier than ever. So are "Clarence, the Cop," and the amorous "Mr. Jack." Besides there are "The Upside Downs of Little Lady Lovekins and Old Man Muffaroo," "Leap Year on Mt. Ararat," and "How the Typewriter Girl Broke All World's Records."

The Coon Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1904, filled with funny pictures and quaint philosophy, was issued as a special supplement to yesterday's Gazette.

PLACED IN IRONS ON A STEAMSHIP

Passenger Was Punished on the Etruria for Insulting a Young Woman Passenger.

SANTA CLAUS WAS ABOARD

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

After black hull sheathed in a pure white armor of ice, her funnels white with crusted salt, and rigging, masts and stays like a glistening network of glass and alabaster, the Cunarder Etruria came into port today looking like some fantastic thing from the Arctic.

She rolled out from Liverpool and every day of it a struggle with gales and seas, spray flying in stinging showers over the entire ship to freeze on deck and side and on shroud and spar and stay until the good old vessel was a mass of ice from one end to the other, the snow finished the Polar decoration of the ship and the only sombre spots about the white clad liner as she moved into her slip were affording by the passengers who ventured on deck.

There had many stories to tell of Christmas gayety and cheer and one of an insult offered to a young woman by a second cabin passenger, who was brought by a steward before Capt. Pritchard, who, after hearing the story, ordered that the man be chained in irons and kept a prisoner throughout the rest of the voyage. The man pleaded that he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing, but the order went him. This was done, and two sailors on guard. These kept him a close prisoner until the vessel made her pier, constantly urging him to try to come out in order that they might use some gentle violence with which to thrash him if he attempted to leave his prison.

The young woman's father, who is a New York merchant, was at the pier to meet her. Some of the passengers told him of the outrage. Detective Connelly, who was at the pier, went on board and brought the purser ashore. The father for his daughter's sake, asked that no further publicity be given to the case, and the man was wise to have the passenger arrested, the detective contented himself with kicking the man the entire length of the pier.

The 20 whom passengers of the Etruria were at the Christmas dinner, and champagne corks were popping, when the news went around that some young innocents in the steerage had hung up their stockings only to find that Santa Claus was not climb down the funnels of an ocean liner. Consequently there was much gloom and tears.

"Well there is a Santa Claus on board," said one of the passengers to purser, Mr. McCutcheon, "and you are he," with a capital I. Wait a minute," and he dived into his stateroom to reappear with a sack worn in private theatricals. All the rest of the passengers fell in with the plan and contributed to the gifts of Santa Claus. Then, with a hamper filled with candy, fruit and cakes, the purser led the way to the steerage, followed by the whole contingent of saloon passengers, each of whom had a gift of some kind. As a result all gloom went from the steerage and Christmas gayety reigned therein.

FRANK A. PARKER.

WANTED TO MOB HIM.

Wheeling Negroes Enraged at One of Their Race Who Assaulted Girl.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Ethel Brown, a 5-year-old colored girl, was assaulted by Horace Bine, a mulatto 18 years of age, this afternoon. The deed was committed while the mother of the girl was up stairs. Bine was arrested about an hour after committing the crime and lodged in jail. The child is in a critical condition. Bine admitted his guilt.

An excited crowd of negroes congregated at the jail tonight, and had to be dispersed by the police. Three other negroes are in the jail on the same charge, committed on the sister of Miss Grove, and indignation runs high. Bine will probably be given a hearing tomorrow morning.

DEATH CLAIMS WEALTHY WASHINGTON CITIZEN

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Alexander V. McClain, on whose property the first oil well in Washington county was struck, and one of the wealthiest and most extensive land owners in this section, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant township late last night of general debility, aged 72 years. He was a native of Washington county and a pioneer in the oil business. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. James A. and a daughter, Mrs. William Paul.

SILENT ABOUT WAR WITH THE KAISER

Gen. MacArthur Refuses to Discuss His Alleged Hawaiian Statement.

PLEASED WITH THE ISLANDS

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—General MacArthur returned today on the steamer Siberia from Hawaiian islands, where he had been making a military inspection. The general is greatly pleased with the islands, which he termed "A most valuable acquisition to the United States."

One of General MacArthur's first questions was for news concerning the Japanese-Russian controversy and he listened intently to the information given him. He was then asked:

"Is it true, general, that your visit to the islands was cut short by the probability of war with Colombia?"

The general considered the question a moment, and said: "Well, I'm here."

His attention was directed to the recent activities displayed in the transport service, and he spoke:

"I have not been notified about the transports."

The subject was then brought up of the report of Colonel Jones of the Hawaiian militia, who visited General MacArthur as saying that war would come between the United States and Germany and that the principal fighting would be in the Pacific, with the Hawaiian islands the objective point. General MacArthur said firmly and positively:

"That is a matter that I will discuss in no way. You must excuse me."

In relation to his trip the general said: "I made a military inspection of the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Washington a complete report of my ideas for the defenses and establishment of fortifications. Also the number of posts thought advisable to establish. The trip was most instructive and profitable. The wealth of the country surprised me, and particularly was I amazed at the enormous sugar plantations."

DR. BRITTIN DEAD.

United Presbyterian Minister and Temperance Worker Passes Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Rev. Dr. Jeremiah R. Brittin is dead at his residence in Newark, N. J., at the age of 84. He was born in Beaver county, Pa., and graduated at Westminster college, at New Wilmington, and afterward at the United Presbyterian seminary at Allegheny.

He was graduated from there and took the pastorate at the church at Greenville, Pa., where he remained for 22 years. Afterward he was the pastor of the Second United Presbyterian church in Cleveland and the Second church at Oxford, O., for eight years. He resigned this charge to become superintendent of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league, and a year and a half ago was made superintendent of the New Jersey and Delaware Anti-Saloon league.

Death of Mrs. Mary Christina Eck Lappe.

Mrs. Mary Christina Eck Lappe, the wife of Adolph F. Lappe, died yesterday at the St. John's hospital, Allegheny, whither she had gone from the home of her husband, Adolph F. Lappe, near Mars, Butler county. Mrs. Lappe was retired member of the former firm of J. C. Lappe & Sons, tanners. Mrs. Lappe was 38 years old. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Harry Dash of Mt. Aetna, McKean, a young son and three grandchildren. She will be buried from the home of her sister, Mrs. Augusta Harbison, No. 225 Pacific avenue, Pittsburgh, and the funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Liberty street and Madison avenue, Allegheny.

General Debility

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CHICAGO THIEVES BEGIN AN EXODUS

Great Army of "Crooks" Forced to Leave Their Favorite Haunts.

NEW ORDINANCE THE CAUSE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Terror-driven by the threatened enforcement of the new vagrancy ordinance, which will go into operation January 1, Chicago's thieves, pickpockets and other vile criminals started an exodus today which for eagerness and numbers of participants never has been equaled in the city. Inspector Lavin predicted that before the new year Chicago's "crooks" would be diminished by fully 1,000.

Anti-crime "councils of war" were called by every police inspector in Chicago to plan the campaign against the vile and vicious class under Police Chief O'Neill's instructions given yesterday.

"The criminal classes in Chicago," said Inspector Lavin, "are thoroughly frightened by the new vagrancy law, which means that they will lose the protection they have enjoyed under the insufficiencies of the old ordinance.

"I could name 50 men who, I am morally certain, are pickpockets and who have not done an hour of honest work in years, yet the police have been unable to convict them and put them away, since they could show money to prove they were not paupers. All this will be changed in a few days by the new vagrancy ordinance. We can send those fellows 'over the road,' and we intend to do so if they are found here after January 1."

THIEVES WILL SWOOP DOWN ON PITTSBURGH

Local Police Will Have Their Hands Full if Chicago Plans Are Carried Out.

"If Chief of Police O'Neil of Chicago drives the thieves out of that city the Pittsburgh police and detectives will have plenty to do, said Superintendent of Detectives McQuaide last night. "There are no less than 20,000 burglars, pickpockets and tramps in Chicago. These men have made that city their home for years. If they are driven from their haunts, as O'Neil declares, the police throughout the west and east will feel their presence.

Superintendent McQuaide reminded with Chief O'Neil in his case of a vagrant war against crime. According to Superintendent McQuaide, a man who is known to have been a thief or a vagrant or without apparent means of support should not be allowed to remain in a municipality. As long as police permit thieves to reside within the city limits it will never be free from crime. For 25 years, it is said, the police of Chicago have allowed thieves to take up residence in the city on condition that they would not apply their nefarious trade on the residents of that municipality.

Superintendent McQuaide instructed his detectives last night to keep a sharp lookout for suspicious persons around railroad stations and in the thoroughfares.

MAN WHO WAS SHOT HAD TO THRASH ASSAILANT

User of Revolver Then Sued His Victim for Assault and Battery.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

GREENSBURG, Dec. 27.—Although probably fatally injured by a bullet wound in the back, James Sheridan, a foreman of construction of the Federal Telephone Company, turned upon his assailant, alleged to be George McLean, and beat him into insensibility near West Fairfield last evening. Yesterday afternoon a gang of construction men, under Sheridan, left Linglestown for West Fairfield. John Gilmore went for them. When they arrived Sheridan was the first to alight and went to the driver's seat to pay the bill.

McLean, according to Gessner, followed and, without a word or a reaching in his pocket shot him in the back. The bullet lodged near the spine. Sheridan turned on McLean and knocked him down. Not until McLean was unconscious were the other men able to separate them. Dr. Ambrose of Lipsdale, ordered to the dangerous nature of the wound, was unable to probe for the bullet.

McLean was brought to jail this morning. He had a warrant issued, charging Sheridan with assault and battery. It is stated that a grudge of long standing existed between the men.

THE END OF A FEUD.

Aged Man Killed Son of His Enemy After Years of Peace.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Sarius Madden and Thomas Fleming were neighbors in Plymouth 14 years ago. They quarreled and a bitter family feud resulted. It was thought there would be bloodshed. One day Madden and his family moved to Forest City, and it was thought the feud had died out.

Four months ago a son, Patrick Fleming, moved to Forest City and learning that Madden was a resident of that place the lesson that existed between Madden and his father was renewed. Upon the part of Fleming, who went to Madden's home and began firing from a revolver at the house. Madden in self-defense, secured the fire and Tuesday night in the doorway, dead. His body was brought to his old home in Plymouth today and buried in the family plot in the St. Vincent's cemetery.

BOY WAS SHOT BY AMATEUR OUTLAWS

Flobert rifles and the juvenile spirit of outlawry yesterday claimed another victim in simple Pittsburgh. The Scotch lad, James Boyle, 12 years of age, of No. 109 Brownsville avenue, was shot in the left hand and the right foot in going over-taken by Harry Davis, aged 13, and Harry Wilson, aged 11, who were playing the role of amateur highwaymen. The wounded boy is not seriously hurt, and his assailants were picked up in the Smith Thirteenth street police station on the charge of being suspicious persons.

ASPIRANTS ARE NUMEROUS FOR POLITICAL POSITIONS

Many Applications for Jobs Being Made in Westmoreland County.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

GREENSBURG, Dec. 27.—A lively scramble for the political positions in Westmoreland county is on. The board of county commissioners has on file over a score of applications for half as many positions and the other boards are besieged by equally as many applicants.

District Attorney Jones, E. E. Cunningham, Prothonotary Millard F. Hall and Clerk of Courts Robert M. Jones will enter upon their second terms of office and are not expected to make any changes in their forces. Republican candidates for the June primaries are already being discussed. A controller and a sheriff are to be elected at the November election. Controller John H. Brown will ask for a second term and John G. Hitchman of Mt. Pleasant, it is stated, will oppose him. Hitchman opposed Brown in 1901 and it required the critical count to determine the winner.

For sheriff E. M. Frey, chief burgess of Monessen, and George Senior of Greensburg are already announced. State Senator Cyrus E. Woods will run for a second term and thus far no opposition has developed. Assemblyman W. F. Mortimer of Mt. Pleasant, Joseph P. Heister of New Kensington and Charles E. Whitten of Greensburg will ask for reelection. Fifteen other applicants are after the other plums on the legislative ticket.

GRIDIRON HERO TO SAIL TO COLON AS A MARINE

Johnnie Poe, Princeton's Idol, Again Takes Service With His Country.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Johnnie P. Poe, Jr., perhaps the best known and best liked member of the famous family of Poe, has enlisted in the marine corps. With 600 other marines he will leave the League Island navy yard tomorrow morning for Colon.

The enlistment of Poe will probably be a big surprise to his many Baltimore and Princeton friends who have followed his career on the gridiron and in the Philippines. Poe quietly joined the recruiting office of the marine corps in Baltimore last week and enlisted.

Some time ago he applied for a commission in this branch of the service, but inasmuch as the age limit is 27 years, it was impossible for Poe to gain the much-desired commission. He has decided, therefore, to take his chances as a private. No sooner had he enlisted than he was assigned to Company C, commanded by Capt. Hopkins, and on the strength of his records in the Philippines he sails tomorrow a sergeant.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

Government Blue Prints Burned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Fire occurred tonight in the photograph laboratory of the United States geological survey, located in the top story of the Home building, F street, near Fourteenth street. The combustible character of the materials in the laboratory caused the flames to rapidly eat their way through the roof. The loss, which will aggregate about $6,000, is from the effects of photographic blue prints and chemicals.

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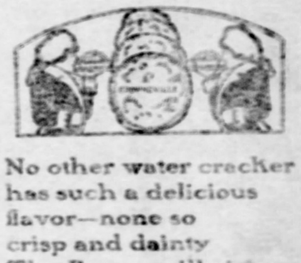

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FINAL DAY FOR POINT BRIDGE

Traction Officials Announce Old Structure Will Be Totally Abandoned Tomorrow.

DIRECTOR BIGELOW TALKS

West End cars will be running over the Smithfield street bridge tomorrow morning at the latest, so officials of the Pittsburgh Railways Company declare. This means the total abandonment of the old Point bridge by the traction company until the city sees fit to make repairs or to build a new bridge. Director E. M. Bigelow said last night that it was a matter for councils to decide. Until councils appropriate money either for a new bridge or about $150,000 to repair the old structure it will remain closed to all street car and other vehicle traffic.

Work on the new switch and curve to connect the Carson street track with the Smithfield street line was continued yesterday by a force of traction employes, but the frozen condition of the ground greatly impeded progress. It was stated that the ground was frozen to a depth of 18 inches. Fires were kept going continually all day and night to thaw the frozen earth.

It is thought the traction men were able to do comparatively little, but expect to finish the job today. Not later than tomorrow morning the cars from the West end, Carnegie, Sheraden, Mt. Washington, Elliot and Mexico Rocks will run up Carson street, over the Smithfield street bridge to Seventh avenue, to Liberty, down Liberty and Wood to Water street and back over the Smithfield street bridge.

The cars continued to use the track on the west side of the Point bridge yesterday, and almost every car had a full load. A policeman at each end of the bridge, however, stopped all wagons. No repair work was done on the bridge and none will be commenced until the cars have stopped running, as Pre-floors cannot be taken up to lay new girders without lifting the car tracks as well.

Director Bigelow said yesterday that the street car traffic would be stopped on the Point bridge and the bridge closed just as soon as the West End cars were run over the Smithfield street bridge. He said the Point bridge would be kept open for foot passengers, and thought that the cars could be run over the bridge again when temporary repairs were made.

"It is up to councils to furnish the money to repair the Point bridge," said the director. "Probably the only way that the money can be obtained is for councils to include an appropriation for the purpose in the annual appropriation for next year. There is some doubt whether councils could issue bonds for the purpose without a vote of the people, and it is also a legal question whether the city could enter into an agreement with the traction company whereby the traction company would make the repairs and the city pay the company afterward for whatever expense was incurred."

WILL BE BUSY WEEK IN SEWICKLEY SOCIETY

Many Events Planned—Fox Hunt by Country Club on New Year's Day.

This will be a busy week socially in the Sewickley valley. Among the largest events will be the ball on Thursday evening given by the Board of Directors of the Edgeworth club, to which several hundred invitations have been issued. The affair is under the management of Charles Doyle, Howard Shaw and Theodore Winn. A number of patronesses have been named.

The Misses Nanette and Hasolle Huston, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Huston of Quaker Valley will entertain with the first of a series of luncheons next Thursday. Miss Mabel Wardrop will be honor guest.

In the Presbyterian church, Sewickley, there will be a concert tomorrow evening for the benefit of the Butler flood sufferers, arranged by R. A. Shaw and Miss Anna Wallace. Others who will appear on the program are Mrs. J. Sharpe McDonald, Miss Marion Gaston and Charles Armor.

Mrs. Edward Stieren of Edgewood entertains with a luncheon on Wednesday of this week in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Helen Stieren, and her guest, Miss Nellie Rankin of Louisville, Ky.

Miss Mary Grimes of Denver street, Sewickley, will entertain with lunch on Tuesday.

There will be an at home Friday evening by Miss Rebecca, Miss Marion and Miss Mary Gaston at the residence of Samuel Gaston, on Broad street, Sewickley.

On New Year's day, Sewickley Heights will be the scene of a fox hunt. The Allegheny Country club and the Pittsburgh Hunt club will take part, and dinner will be served at the Allegheny Country club in the evening. The affair is in charge of Walter Lyon.

ARRANGING A SAENGERFEST.

It Is to Be Held in Allegheny and North Side Men Will Be in Charge.

Twenty-six delegates, representing as many singing societies in Pittsburgh, Allegheny and environs, which comprise the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Saenger district, met yesterday afternoon at Vorwaert's hall, in Holmes street, Eighteenth ward, to make arrangements for the Saengerfest to be held in Allegheny in 1906. A national saengerfest was given recently in St. Louis, but the one planned now is the work of the local district and as it is to be held in Allegheny the greater part of the arrangements has been assigned to Allegheny delegates. They were instructed to hold another meeting at the German-Austrian Music and Singing society's hall at Humboldt and High streets, in Allegheny, on Sunday, January 32 to perfect arrangements.

At a previous meeting, held in Cecelia Mannerchor hall, Allegheny, a committee composed of Chris. Saum, Magnus Wolfe and Fred Stimpel was appointed to select officers for the event. They were chosen as follows: Charles Nees, president; Anton Lutz, vice president; Charles Kloehler, second vice president and John H. Essig, chairman of the musical committee. All of the officers live in Allegheny.

The officers of the local saenger district are Emanuel Schille, president; Lotis Sorena, vice president; Chris Saum, secretary; Magnus Wolfe, treasurer; Jul. Schoeneman, financial secretary, and W. A. Haehnig, chairman of the press committee.

TEN CENTS NOT ENOUGH.

Yet Wheeler Took It and Cut the Giver, His Wife, With a Razor.

Stella Wheeler, a negress, ran into the Allegheny city hall at 2 o'clock yesterday with the blood streaming from a wound in her cheek. She said a man had cut her with a razor. The wound was gaping, the cheek being laid open so that the woman's teeth could be seen through the gash. She was sent to the Allegheny General hospital and the police started out to hunt for Wheeler.

The police learned that a negro, named Wheeler, who said he was the woman's husband, went into a restaurant back of 50 South Diamond street, where the woman was wont to come every Sunday for her dinner. Wheeler asked her for money to get something to eat. She handed him a dime and Wheeler, taking the money in his left hand, drew back his right hand, in which a razor was concealed, slashed his wife once and fled. The woman told the police that she lived at 1111 East Diamond street, a number that does not exist, and that she worked in Grant street, Pittsburgh.

Sally Fine for Wife-Beater.

George Jones of 7 Kearney street was fined $50 or 60 days to the workhouse, by Magistrate T. D. Stewart yesterday, for beating his wife. Mrs. Jones was at the hearing and said she was afraid to live longer in the house.

AGED WOMAN SEARCHED FOR MANY YEARS IN VAIN

Mrs. Rachel Jacques Expired on the South Side at the Age of 80 Years After a Hunt of a Quarter of a Century for Her Daughter.

After searching in vain for 25 years for her daughter Mary, who after her marriage left Pittsburgh and disappeared entirely, Mrs. Rachel N. Jacques expired Saturday at the home of W. W. Shipman, in June, near Twenty-second street, South Side. Mrs. Jacques, who was 80 years of age, was ill only a few hours before she died. She was alone in the world and had made her residence with Mr. Shipman's family for the past few years.

Mrs. Jacques' one great desire in life had been to be permitted to live until she heard from the missing daughter, who removed from this city to Baltimore. The aged woman had tried every means known to her in an endeavor to locate the absent one, and her last words expressed a regret that she had failed.

Mrs. Jacques, who was Miss Steele, was born 80 years ago in Westmoreland county. In 1845 she married Rodtugon Jacques and removed with her husband to the South Side, they taking up their residence at South Thirteenth and Bingham streets. The husband was a contractor and was engaged on the work on constructing the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad, when in 1870 he died. Two daughters were born and one of these, Mary, was married in 1878. The other remained single and died a short time ago.

The mother, left alone, went to live with the Shipmans and tried in vain to discover either her daughter or her husband's relatives. In both these searches she failed, and this afternoon, when she is buried, the only ones who will follow the remains to the grave will be Mr. Shipman and his family and probably a few friends of the long ago.

WIGHTMAN WILL NOT USE FORCE

Declares Select Members Must Attend Meetings of Their Own Free Will.

SCRAPPY TIME IN COMMON

"I have been told that there will not be a quorum of select council tomorrow, but I do not know whether the information is reliable. There is one thing sure, however, and that is if the members do not attend I will not send out policemen to drag them in," said President J. Smiley Wightman yesterday.

"It was suggested to me if I should send sergeants-at-arms to the offices of Murry Ramble, the Councilman from the Twenty-fourth, that might get a quorum, but I have declared that I would not do this. Mr. Lambie tried this plan several times to get a quorum, but it never succeeded. The officers would return to the council chamber in about half an hour and say that they had not been able to find a member.

"It is a disgrace that members stay away when there is so much important business to transact, particularly on the last meeting of the year. If the members do not want to take action on the railroad ordinances, they could transact the other business first and then adjourn. There are many important bills piled up which should be acted upon immediately and there is no excuse for the members staying away."

Mr. Wightman stated that he had been told by his physician that he could attend the meeting today if he went to the city hall in a closed carriage, and he expects to be present.

Charles S. Crawford, president of common council, stated last night that he would not be present at the meeting of his branch today, as he had not been going out at nights since leaving the hospital. This will cause another contest over the presidency pro tem, among the Citizens, Orphans and Republicans. The controversy between Mr. G. Leslie Smith, W. Bruce Foster and the deficit in the annual appropriations has been a bitter during the past week that it is extremely doubtful whether the Orphans and the Republicans will unite tonight to defeat the Citizens, as they have done at previous meetings. The controversy between Leslie and Stevenson, which has been waged freely through the newspapers, will probably be continued tonight on the council floor if the transfer ordinances are considered. They are on the table as unfinished business and until the ordinances are passed Director Bigelow will not be able to get back the money which he took out of his own pocket to pay the "white wings" before Christmas.

There will probably be a wordy dispute over Director Bigelow's electric light ordinance, which will likely be reported out of the public works committee. This ordinance provides for the letting of a contract for four years at $400,000 per year. Amendments will be offered to limit the contract to one year and to reduce the appropriation to $356,000, the amount expended this year for street light.

FROHSINN TO CELEBRATE.

Usual New Year's Entertainment to Be of an Elaborate Character.

The Frohsinn Singing society will give its annual New Year's celebration on New Year's eve. There will be singing by the active members, other musical entertainment and a Christmas tree for the children and their families. The entertainment will be given in the society's hall in the building of the German Beneficial union in Sixth avenue. The committee in charge consists of M. Rosenbrans, C. W. Brecht, George Neaubert, G. C. Heas and Christ. Dimling. The Christmas presents to be hung on the tree can be left with Julius Schmidt, 814 Smithfield street, or the superintendent of the society's rooms.

The entertainment will consist of singing by the active members, under the direction of Professor Ferdinand Berger, instrumental selections by Fritz Koch and Emil Knoepke, first hornist and 'cellist respectively of the Pittsburgh orchestra, and the distribution of the Christmas gifts. Some of the selections to be sung by the Frohsinn chorus are "Der Tag des Herrn," "To Art," "Gottes dich Gott," "Der Liebesbote" and "Muss I' denn."

While it may be perfectly true that "one swallow does not make a summer," very often one song makes a musical comedy, and this credit seems likely to go to "And That Little Girl Is You" in "Girls Will Be Girls." R. Melville Baker's lyrics in this number and Joseph Herr's whistleable melody, together with the novel light effects devised by William A. Brady, go far toward making the dainty ballad the most enjoyable feature of the performance. "When the Girl You Love Says Yes" "Ask Dodge," "How D'ye Do" and "Be Sure You're Right, Then Go Ahead," also win applause nightly, but the unquestionable favorite is the ditty aforementioned.

Mr. Brady's presentation of "Girls Will Be Girls," though lacking in the gaudiness and flash of most recent productions of its kind, is as pleasing and satisfying an entertainment as one could desire. The story of the play is sufficiently coherent and fertile to admit of various amusing complications and clever lines, while ample opportunity for good work is given in Al Leech, who, as the chief preceptor at Dodge's Academy, is a source of constant merriment. Several of the episodes in the second act, when Professor Dodge disciplines his pupils, are screamingly funny, and there can be no doubt that the impersonation will place Mr. Leech in the list with the best-liked of the comedians who come to Pittsburgh.

The Three Rosebuds are comely even in their grotesque make-up and cleverly second the efforts of the star, who is ably assisted by Felix Haney, as Sheriff Ketcham; Edgar Forrester, as the bogus professor, and several others. A word should be said concerning the chorus, which is good to look upon, energetic, sprightly and intelligent.

CAMPBELL'S.

Send a Pittsburgh Picture As a New Year's Card.

The handsome 10-color lithograph which shows the entire city as seen from Mount Washington—11 inches wide and 46 inches long, makes an ideal New Year's card. It means something—means a lot. You can get one in a mailing tube at "The People's Store" so put on that two cents postage will take it anywhere in America or Europe—and get it for only 25 cents.

CHURCH RAISES NEARLY $25,000

New Collection Record Is Made at Single Service of Wilkinsburg Presbyterians.

DEBTS ARE NOW SECURED

A new collection record among local churches was established yesterday morning at the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian church. A $25,000 mark had been set and the amount subscribed was $25,456, with $5,000 more in sight. In a few weeks, it is stated, the pledges will reach nearly $30,000. All of the $22,450 was raised at the morning service. There were two $2,000 pledges, six $1,000, one $800 pledge, and the remainder consisted of sums ranging from $500 to $5.

The Wilkinsburg church membership was diminished recently by about 250 members, when the Second Presbyterian church was organized. This resulted in an increase in indebtedness amounting to $16,000. Six thousand of this amount is payable January 1 and the remainder at the rate of $2,000 annually until the entire sum is turned over to the Second church. The $16,000 is a part of the one-third of the proceeds of the sale of old church ground, which was $52,000. By agreement, when the old property was sold, this one-third was to be expended for the building of new churches.

The Wilkinsburg church building was erected four years ago and with the ground cost $135,000. The church still has a floating indebtedness, and the amount raised yesterday will go to secure it. Since the Wilkinsburg church was built it has donated $5,500 to the Calvary church and has given $12,500 to the cause of charity.

Dr. Thomas Parry, the pastor, said yesterday: "I am certainly very much gratified over the result of our contribution. The donations were made in the proper spirit and were more than equal to expectations."

Dr. Willis G. Craig, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly and professor of church history in McCormick Theological seminary, made the address yesterday morning.

This church is one of the largest in numbers in the general assembly and the membership is composed of scores of wealthy men. Forty new members have been enrolled since the new church was built.

ICE IN THE MONONGAHELA.

Pieces Coming Down Fast Yesterday, No Change in the Allegheny.

There was more ice moving in the Monongahela river yesterday than at any other time during the winter so far. Reports at Davis island dam last evening were that the river was half full of ice and that the movement there was somewhat of a surprise in the face of weather conditions. However, the pieces are not heavy enough to cause much damage and the movement is only from Lock No. 4 down.

Cold weather stopped the ice that started to come down the Allegheny river Saturday. The gorge that went over the Springdale dam and down as far as the Fourteen Mile island has not moved since Saturday afternoon. It carried with it all the ice below the dam, but gorged again above the P., B. & L. E. bridge. Reports at the weather bureau last evening indicated that warmer weather will be necessary to start the ice moving again. Saturday has caused little damage so far and everything has been cleared away for it in the Pittsburgh harbor.

There was a rise in the river according to marks at Davis island dam yesterday morning, but it was stationary during the day, with about eight feet.

RECEIVED A BEATING AND THEN WAS FINED

Paul Dudic went to his home at South Nineteenth street and Merrimans alley, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday, and found that John Caspar had usurped his position as master of the house. Dudic invited Caspar outside and then gave him a beating. Both men were arrested and Caspar was fined $25. Dudic was discharged.

Sentenced on Charge of Theft.

Magistrate T. D. Stewart at Central station yesterday morning, sent David Edgar to the workhouse for 30 days, on suspicion of having stolen some tools which he sold. Frank Phillips was fined $25 on a charge of stealing some jewelry at the Liberty avenue mission.

CHORUS GIRLS STRANDED HERE

Distressed Members of Bowery Masqueraders Lodge at Central Police Station.

SHOW MANAGER IS MISSING

All that is left of the Bowery Masqueraders burlesque troupe played a one-night stand in Pittsburgh yesterday, having been given stage room at Central police station, where they spent the night and will breakfast this morning. Their coming to this city was not in accordance with the advance list of engagements. The company was stranded at Jeannette on Saturday night and four members of the chorus and the property man, with $1.70 in their pockets, came to Pittsburgh and were kindly cared for by the police. The other people hurried back to New York or joined other shows, leaving their fellow-actors in distress.

Eight weeks' salary is due from Austin Davis, the manager, according to the story told by the stranded girls and stranded here. The players were engaged by Davis & Cannon, theatrical agents, of Broadway, New York, and started on the road on November 26. Since that time, so the chorus girls said, they received nothing but their railroad transportation and board at cheap hotels. Their clothes are worn out and all are penniless. The women are Eva Lewis, Tillie Hoffman, Josephine West and Mrs. Maud Ford. Charles Ford, husband of the latter, was given enough money to go to a brighter house, and he remained outside to endeavor to find employment for the others in companies here.

The Ghost Never Walked.

The Bowery Masqueraders had been playing one-night stands throughout Western Pennsylvania to 25-50-75-cent audiences. They put on a burlesque entitled "A Night at the Raven's Nest," and drew good-sized houses. The curtain went up on the chorus of "Girls, Lovely Girls," and after specialties and "The Cocoanut Queen," the performance wound up with a thriller styled "The Spirit of '76."

"We were given tempting offers," said Mrs. Ford, an energetic little woman who did the talking, "and those in the chorus signed contracts to play for $12 a week and traveling expenses. The company was surprised to find that the ghost never walked. Davis always complained of having no funds. Two and three days' salary each week was taken out for our board and then we were told that there was nothing left. We never got the $1.70 each which was paid in at the box office by the people who came and laughed at our show. When we wanted to write home the manager would not even give a postage stamp.

One Orange Apiece for Christmas.

"Christmas overtook us at Beaver Falls. The manager relented a little and gave each of us an orange. All this time the burlesque queen and the other principals managed to get their money. On Christmas came the climax. We made a proposition to play back to New York and work our way home. The principals refused to listen to this. Then we decided to go to the mayor and the manager said that we should get the proceeds. We had a good house and all worked hard. When the show was over we found that the manager had sold the tickets, pocketed the money and had cleared out for New York on a late train. The manager of the Jeannette opera house gave each of us $1.70 and we came to Pittsburgh."

Mrs. Ford has been on the stage for seven years and took philosophical view of the situation. Miss West is a demure little girl, scarcely 16 years of age. She left her home in Brooklyn for the glamor of the footlights and keenly regrets her experience. She is suffering from a felon on her right hand and was picture of abject loneliness as she sat in the matron's room in the police station thinking of her family on East river.

"I'll never go on the road again," she said, missing her throwing hand.

Plucky Little Girl.

There was a quiver in her voice, but she pluckily kept up her courage and tried to give the impression that she was able to shift for herself no matter how the world would assail her fortune.

"I'll never go on the road again," she repeated. "I used to play in Brooklyn. I can do a buck and wing and toe dancing—yes, I dance very well."

Her big, round eyes snapped with pride as she recounted her abilities in her profession.

"Why, I went with this company without any rehearsal at all and got along splendidly. And the manager was so pleased if we would laugh he would shout out 'Now you're fined $2,' or if I would sing or dance to entertain the guests at the hotels where we stopped he would speak right out before all the people. Thaw, that's the word. And he always spoke of he had been paying us high prices every week. I'll never go on the road again."

The demure little chorus girl drew on her bandaged hand and nodded across the room to encourage her friend. The women were well cared for by Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, matron of the women's department at the station, and spent the night in comfortable quarters. If they do not find employment here they will likely be furnished transportation to New York.

Lodger Stole Landlady's Valise.

Thomas Ross got 60 days to the workhouse in default of a fine of $15. He had been taken home by a friend to a lodging house in Fifth avenue and he stole the landlady's valise.

Fined for Breaking Woman's Nose.

Harry St. Clair hit a woman in the face in a house in Ferry street and broke her nose. It was alleged he used brass knuckles and he was fine $50 or 90 days to the workhouse yesterday morning.

Threw a Dog in Woman's Face.

M. Croce was fined $15 yesterday morning for throwing a dog in a woman's face in a house in Water street. Magistrate Stewart gave the defendant a lecture.

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Our Special Sales on Which the Tocsin of Low Prices Is Set A-Ringing.

Beginning This Morning—
The Semi-Annual Sale of Women's Muslin Underwear—*Never Such Low Prices.*

Beginning This Morning—
The Semi-Annual Sale of Table and Decorative Linens—*Never Such Low Prices.*

Beginning This Morning—
Introducing the New White and Colored Dress Cottons for the Summer of 1904—*Never Such Low Prices.*

Continuing Today—
The Special Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing—*Prices Reaching the Extremes of Lowness.*

On the above sales we put great stress, but there are other special sales throughout the store which will have equal interest for many. From day to day during December and through all of January we shall have many pleasing announcements to make of like nature—a hint to all that it will be unbusiness-like to miss a single issue of our daily news.

Our Annual Sale of Linens.

Properly this is a January sale, but we purloin a week from December, knowing full well it will be met with appreciation. This sale takes in everything of a linen nature, and the linens are sold for less than customary prices, because we buy in immense quantities, especially for this first-of-the-year occasion, and the linen weavers over in Europe grant us handsome concessions in view of our heavy purchases.

This is an occasion when the housewife, the housekeeper, the proprietors of boarding houses, and private families, can stock up on linens and save a considerable sum.

No doubt you are familiar with the prices governing this linen sale as published last Saturday—hence the following briefs this morning.

Prices on Damask Napkins begin at 60c a dozen for an 8⅝c grade and graduate by easy range to $9.50 a dozen, worth $11.50 and $12.50.

Prices on Damask Tablecloths begin at $2.00 for a cloth 2x2 yards, worth $2.50, and rise by easy steps to $12.75 for different sizes of Tablecloths, worth from $15.75 to $17.00.

Prices on Table Damask begin at 35c a yard for a 45c grade and go to $1.50 a yard for $1.75 and $1.85 grades.

Prices on Decorative Linens begin at 60c for an 85c grade of Table Centers and go to $5.75 for a $10.75 grade of Renaissance Lace Covers.

We also have a half-price sale of mussed Embroidered Japanese Covers and Scarfs, and also Cluny Lace Scarfs.

Prices on Linen Sheets are $5.00 a pair for a $6.00 grade, and $9.00 a pair for a $12.50 grade.

Prices on Linen Pillow Cases are $1.00 a pair for $1.25 and $1.35 grades, and $1.25 a pair for $1.50 grades.

Prices for Linen Towels are 10c each for a 12½c grade of Turkish and Huck Towels up to 40c each for a 50c grade of Huck Towels.

Prices on Bleached Toweling are 8c a yard for a 10c grade, 10c a yard for 12½c grade and 12½c a yard for a 15c grade.

To Men: Buy Clothing for Yourself and Your Boy Now and Save Money.

A question: If a store carries a few lines of good clothing and many lines of shoddy clothing, can you afford to trust it? That's a question to set men a-thinking. The lowest priced suits and overcoats at regular prices that we carry are $10.00, and we never have very much to say about them. They are as good as can be made to retail for that price. We wouldn't have a suit or overcoat in the house for less price—except at mark-down times—because no suit or overcoat that is worth anything at all can be made to sell for less than $10.00. With these brief remarks we invite you to look at these prices:

$10.00 Suits and Overcoats for $ 6.75
$12.00 Suits and Overcoats for $ 8.50.
$15.00 Suits and Overcoats for $11.50.
$18.00 Suits and Overcoats for $13.50.
$20.00 Suits and Overcoats for $15.00.
$22.00 Suits and Overcoats for $17.00.
$25.00 Suits and Overcoats for $20.00.
$28.00 Suits and Overcoats for $22.00.
$30.00 Suits and Overcoats for $24.00.

And through the still finer grades at similar reductions. There is every style of business suit and there is every style of overcoat, and there is every style of cloth used in the making of suits and overcoats.

Men's finest trousers, one-fourth off—beginning at $2.60 for a $3.50 grade of trousers and running up to $7.50 for a $10.00 grade.

Suits and overcoats for young men also come in for strong reductions in price—after the manner following—

$12.00 and $14.00 Suits and Overcoats for $10.00.
$15.00 and $16.00 Suits and Overcoats for $12.75.
$18.00 and $20.00 Suits and Overcoats for $15.00.

And all through every style of winter clothes for young men up to $30.00 suits and overcoats reduced to $24.00.

Big and little boys' Suits and Overcoats suffer the same reductions in price as the clothes for their elders. There are double-breasted and Norfolk and three-piece knee suits at these reductions—

$5.00 and $6.00 Overcoats and Suits reduced to $4.00.
$7.00 Overcoats and Suits reduced to $5.00.
$8.00 and $9.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to $6.50.
$10.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to $7.50.

The Colored Dress Cottons for Summer of 1904.

Many women buy freely of these imported dress cottons about this season of the year, have them made up in advance styles, and take them along to their favorite Southern resorts. A capital idea. The dress cottons from Ireland and England and France and Switzerland this year present some beautiful specimens in the art of designing. That each and all will meet with their full meed of praise goes without our saying it.

Years ago we took the initiative in introducing Summer Cottons just at the beginning of Winter, and the innovation, which partook at the time of novelty, has become an annual occurrence.

Merely to show the inexpensiveness of some of these colored dress cottons, a fancy voile for 25c a yard is cited. It comes in light shades as well as street shades.

Girls' Cloth Shirtwaists, $3.00, Were $5.00.

The colors are red, green and blue, and the waists are finished with fancy stocks, sizes for girls 14 to 16 years of age.

Misses' Walking Skirts, $5.00, Were $8.50.

There are three kinds of cloth, black, gray and blue cheviot, a pretty mixed cloth and that favorite cloth, tweed. Lengths from 35 to 40 inches.

Special Sale of Oriental Rugs for Reduced Prices.

Now that the hurly-burly of Christmas excitement is over one can view these reduced prices on fine rug specimens from the Orient with deliberation. The prices for which we sell Oriental rugs should be studied thoroughly, as well as the rugs themselves. No dealer in Oriental rugs in the country can begin to compete with us when it comes to the point of naming under prices. No dealer attempts to.

For $18.75 each—regular prices from $25.00 to $30.00—Mosoul, Cuendji and Karradagh Persian Rugs, averaging in size 3x4 feet. The colors in these rugs are especially pleasing.
For $75.00 each—many of the rugs were $97.00—Antique Daghstan Rugs, clear weave, exquisite colorings, pleasing styles.
For $55.50—value $85.00—choice and select large Kazak Rugs, average size 8x5 ft. Very silky and rich in coloring and a very heavy pile. These are rugs nigh in favor of connoisseurs.
For $68.50—value from $90.00 to $100.00—Khiva Rugs in carpet size, the average 9x7 ft.

Women's Paris Hats, Toques and Bonnets for Half Prices.

Most women aspire to own a Paris hat—quite often the prices put an embargo on a realization of this desire. Nothing prohibitory in these half prices:

Paris creations at $5.00 from $10.00; at $7.50 from $15.00; at $10.00 from $20.00; at $12.50 from $25.00.
For $2.50 we can sell you a beautiful Trimmed Hat or Toque that formerly sold for $5.00 and up to $7.50.
Women's Untrimmed Hats for 50c that formerly sold for $1.00 and $1.50.
Fine French Flowers with which to trim them, 25c a bunch, former prices 75c and $1.00.
Children's Hats, trimmed as youthful hats should be, 50c each, former prices $1.00 and $1.50.

The White Dress Cottons for Spring of 1904.

Their snowy beauty is of that captivating kind that will catch the attention of women at once. Employing the winter months for making up summer cottons has come to be quite the thing of late years. Following are prices on our new importations of White Dress Cottons:

25c a yard for new white mercerized Jacquards, 28 inches wide.
50c a yard for new white mercerized Oxfords and Madrases.
$1.50 a yard for new embroidered white Linons and Piques.
75c a yard for new and very fine white figured and pin dotted Swisses.
$1.00 a yard for new embroidered white Mull in dots and figures.
$1.00 a yard for new and very fine mercerized Organdies, jacquard effects, 32 inches wide.
35c a yard for new St. Call white dotted Swisses.
50c a yard for new White Swisses, both figured and dotted.

Embroideries, One-Fourth Off.

To make room for our new importation of embroideries which will soon be in, we say one-fourth off regular prices for all our Edgings, Insertings and Flounces in nainsook, cambric and Swiss.

They are all right as to style, design and quality, but they are 1903 embroideries instead of 1904.

Umbrellas for $1.10, Were $2.

An after-Christmas bargain for men and women. Union taffeta cover and a great variety of fancy handles.

Semi-Annual Sale of Women's Muslin Underwear.

Much detail of this annual event was given in our news of Saturday, and it is scarcely necessary to take it up in concise form again. We desire to say that of all the annual sales of Women's Underwear that have been held in this store, this one exceeds all former occasions in the volume of garments selected and the marked low prices quoted for the garments. It is commonly known that the underwear we offer in these sales is of a high character, much higher than is usually the case in sales of similar import. Each piece is ample in proportion, there is never any skimping allowed; each garment is specially looked after with regard to the sewing; as for the different styles of trimming, we are of the opinion that the most fastidious taste will meet with entire satisfaction. The extremes of the price range only are given this morning.

Correct Covers, beginning at 8c and ranging easily along to $1.75 and up.
Drawers, beginning at 19c and ranging easily along to $1.25 and up.
Night Gowns, beginning at 40c and ranging easily along to $2.50 and up.
Long Petticoats, beginning at 49c and ranging easily along to $3.00 and up.
Short Petticoats, beginning at 25c and ranging easily along to 75c and up.
Chemises, beginning at 25c and ranging easily along to $2.00 and up.

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Monday, December 28, 1903.

Pine Apple, Ala., grew so earnest over the lynching of a colored man that the mob burned the jail, which resulted in the destruction of several business houses near. In this case the victim was not guilty of the traditional unforgivable crime, but had shot a white man during a quarrel. Evidently the southern lynching code is being expanded to include many offenses. The prime requisites are a "nigger" with the hardihood to commit any offense against a white, a crowd and a modicum of red liquor. The resultant orgy will depend for its character upon the proportion of the ingredients named.

Point bridge is to be closed to heavy traffic today until councils appropriate money to repair or rebuild it. That is well. It should have been closed sooner, since this action is a confession that it has been in an unsafe condition for some time. There is very little good in harking back to the mistakes that have been made. This bridge was not a bargain, though the price was less than first cost and the policy of the city owning its highways is good. It is the present and future that have to be dealt with. Safety is the first consideration. It is for the experts and the authorities of the city to decide what must be done to make the bridge safe for the public to pass over it.

For eleven months of this year the statistical report of the department of commerce and labor shows a gratifying increase in exports. This is true of every grand division into which our products are separated by the bureau of statistics except that of fisheries. The large cotton movement has put our agricultural exports up $34,000,000 over last year. Forest products show an increase of $10,000,000 and manufactures an increase of over $4,000,000. Contrary to expectation iron and steel show a decrease in exports for November, though they may tell a different story for this month, the export effort having been only fairly begun in November. Mine products, including petroleum, show a marked increase. Imports, on the other hand, are smaller than for the eleven months of last year.

President Wightman denies any intention to try to force the attendance of members of select council. He says his predecessor tried that several times without success. But he does forcibly remind selectmen that they have duties to perform and that their honor demands their attention to the public business. In this sentiment every good citizen will agree with Mr. Wightman. It is no excuse that councilmen are not paid for attending meetings. They knew that before they were elected, and if they did not feel under obligation to attend to public duties they should not have permitted their names to go before the people. The mere fact that councilmen serve free does not lessen the obligation to attend meetings or to act in the public interest, as each councilman may discover by reference to his official oath.

The presidential boom of William Randolph Hearst which has been in danger of being lost in the shuffle has been brought into view again by notice served upon Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany chieftain, that Mr. Hearst does not take it kindly that Tammany is talking in favor of Mr. Cleveland of New Jersey when New York city has its own candidate in the person of Mr. Hearst, who controls the only important New York city newspaper which supported the Tammany ticket. This consideration is understood to have impressed Mr. Murphy to such an extent that while not disguising his own preference already expressed for Mr. Cleveland, he declares that Tammany is unpledged and uncommitted and will remain so until the meeting of the Democratic state convention of New York. Tammany's own organ, the Tammany Times, is out with an indorsement of Mr. Hearst as a distinguished New Yorker entitled, at least, to the complimentary vote of the state delegation. Such marks of identification will keep the Hearst presidential boom from being entirely lost to view.

During the absence of Mr. Bryan in Europe the Jacksonian club of Nebraska, a state organization of which the twice defeated candidate for president is an honorary member, has recognized by resolution that "time makes great changes in the thoughts and ideas of mankind, and more particularly the conditions and creeds of political parties." The first result of this is recognition of the reinstatement as members of the club of 35 persons who were expelled some years ago because they refused to support Bryan. This action is said by one of its promoters to mean that the club as a whole sees and admits "the hopelessness of Bryanism and that the salvation of the (Democratic) party lies in the east." It is only a straw, of course, but it may be an important one. It indicates more clearly that the political breezes are not blowing in Bryan's direction now, and that the wind may grow to a gale that will sweep Bryanism from the deck of the Democratic craft. The east is eagerly grasping for the Democratic leadership and the west seems willing that it shall supply the hand on the helm.

A work of inestimable value which the general staff of the army is about to begin is the preparation of a list of persons who would be qualified for commissions in the volunteer service in event of war. The greatest danger to which the volunteers are exposed when called into service arises from inexperience and incompetency among their officers. Hence they are liable to be cared for less efficiently than the regulars and suffer more heavily from disease. When war is at hand there is no time to make such an investigation of the fitness of officers as the importance of the case demands, and it is proposed to do this work systematically in advance. Regular examinations are to be held all over the country and a register of those eligible for commissions in the various grades of military duty is to be kept, from which appointments will be made. The system will exert a beneficial influence upon the organization of the national guard, as those whose fitness for commissions is attested by government examination will be in a class apart from incapables who could not sustain such an examination.

Will Mr. Callery Explain?

President Callery of the Allegheny County Light Company has anticipated Controller Larkin's promised statement as to the prices paid by the boroughs for electric lighting by furnishing one himself. His own statement shows that nowhere is to high a rate charged as in Pittsburgh. Whereas, the company here proposes to charge $96 a lamp and demands a four-year contract, borough rates have been as low as $70 a lamp, and the highest borough rate is $85. In the city of McKeesport the rate is $70, which is about what it used to be in the city of Allegheny.

The difference is very striking and the reasons for it given by Mr. Callery are not convincing. He says that "the average in these towns is not out of proportion to the rate paid in Pittsburgh," because the cost of service is greater. Electric lighting must be unlike every other business if the unit of cost increases with the volume of the business. The reasonable expectation is that if a small service can be furnished at $70 a light, a much larger service could be furnished at a less cost per light. The only ground which he gives for the assertion that appears to be solid is that more hours of burning are required in Pittsburgh than in the boroughs. This would undoubtedly add to cost of service, but it will be a surprising circumstance if there should be such a difference in conditions between McKeesport and Pittsburgh as to justify an additional charge of $26 a lamp in Pittsburgh.

One of the reasons given by Mr. Callery for charging more in Pittsburgh than elsewhere is that "taxes in Pittsburgh are much heavier." Since when has the property of the Allegheny County Light Company paid any taxes? An outrageous feature in the relations between the public service corporations and the city is that in addition to getting the use of enormously valuable franchises for nothing they have been able to arrange matters so that their property is exempt from taxation. The city assessors have estimated that the various properties belonging to the telephone, gas, electric lighting and water companies exempt from taxation amount in value to $16,000,000. The Allegheny County Light Company has in the Ninth ward a lot 400x100 occupied by a power plant which has been reported as exempt from taxation. The East End Electric Light Company has a lot 260x145 in the Nineteenth ward, similarly improved, also reported as exempt from taxation. While the eight-story building on Sixth avenue was in course of erection it was publicly stated that it would be exempt from taxation. Now, if there has been any error about this, it ought to be corrected. Mr. Callery has been commendably frank in his statements of the position of his company, and since he gives as one of the reasons for the high charge to the city that taxes in Pittsburgh are heavy, let him give the grounds for that statement so far as his company is concerned. Does it pay any taxes upon its plants or office building? If so, how much? The public will be glad to hear from Mr. Callery upon these points.

Public Ownership.

Our contemporary, Mr. William Jennings Bryan, has found much to admire in the exemplification of public ownership of utilities in Glasgow. These beauties he set forth in a letter printed in The Sunday Gazette. Thus the municipality of Glasgow gives to its people good water and an efficient street car service at comparatively low rates. These facts were proclaimed to the world by travelers who preceded Mr. Bryan in their visits to the Scotch commercial metropolis and they have been used for years as one of the strongest arguments of the advocates of public ownership. As a matter of fact, however, they present no argument for that doctrine, but merely an example of efficient administration.

Public ownership of the water supply system of Pittsburgh affords an equally striking example of inefficient administration, and in as far as examples may be used as argument, is a more powerful argument against than the Glasgow operations are for municipal ownership. Glasgow simply illustrates the fact that efficient administration makes public ownership a blessing as compared with any kind of ownership where the system is bad; Pittsburgh water supply illustrates the contrary.

It is easily conceivable that Glasgow might have better traction service. The municipal management of the tramways has been clean, but not enterprising. The casual visitor to the city sees an apparently good service at moderate rates, paying revenues to the city. The inquiring engineer discovers a woeful lack of branches and collateral lines which should be added to the trunk system to accommodate dwellers in the outer districts. Private ownership in Pittsburgh, under a bad system, has had the enterprise to reach all parts of the territory, though it charges a full rate for an inefficient service over the trunk lines. Had the Pittsburgh franchises been granted under proper terms for the public benefit there is ample reason to believe the service would now be better and almost as cheap as that of Glasgow.

Mr. Bryan does not see it in this light. He has been a teacher of the doctrine that public ownership is better than private ownership. He is naturally looking for confirmation of his personal views. He has had plenty of opportunity to see public ownership in practice in Germany and Russia, as well as in Glasgow, and it is not improbable he has discovered other things to admire. But the average American will continue to cling to his own ideas. Individualism brings the returns. The quality of the man behind the gun is paramount. And as long as the privately owned railroads of the United States go on carrying freight at a cost per mile of less than one-half that attained in Germany or Russia, illustration will not be wanting for the argument in favor of private enterprise.

Gorman's Failure.

Senator Gorman's attempt to commit his party colleagues in the senate to opposition to the Panama canal treaty has met so much opposition in Democratic territory that it now seems probable the Democratic caucus will not adopt it. To make any policy binding the Gorman caucus rule requires a two-thirds vote. It is unlikely that proportion of Democratic senators can be induced to stand against the treaty which means so much to the country in general and the south in particular. Senator William J. Stone of Missouri has given out an interview intimating that the Democratic caucus will not commit itself to the opposition program, thereby ranging himself with Senator Francis Marion Cockrell of the same state, who has openly declared he will not be bound by the caucus to oppose the treaty.

It is very gratifying to note this evidence of good sense among the Democratic senators, for the speedy ratification of the Panama treaty will put an end to the Colombian war bluster and will serve the cause of civilization and commerce. United Democratic opposition would embarrass the administration, but would almost inevitably weaken the Democracy in the next appeal to the polls. There is no doubt the American people favor the canal and desire that it shall be constructed as soon as possible. It is equally certain they have no sympathy with Colombia, which, when it had its opportunity, threw it away in an attempt to levy extortion upon a nation to which it was indebted for its sovereignty on the isthmus.

The right of Panama to secede is justified at the north by the indignities and injuries of misgovernment sustained at the hands of Colombia; at the south it is justified, not only by the facts, but on the general principles that were negatived, in its case, by the result of the civil war. It is surprising that as shrewd a politician as Senator Arthur P. Gorman is reputed to be should have taken up such an issue to foster a presidential candidacy. For his own purpose he could have done no worse, for he has alienated an important part of the south without gaining an advantage north or west.

Col. L. F. Loree will take the good wishes of Pittsburgh with him to the Rock Island road, though in time we may learn to love equally his Baltimore & Ohio successor.

Dr. E. G. Clayton says in London Lancet that English plum pudding contains no more nutriment than a dried fig. Just so, but the plum pudding is more indigestible.

Paris talks peace in the far east, while London talks war. It is what Japan and Russia are thinking that counts, however.

Jacques I., king of Sahara, proposes to tame the natives with gramophone music. This new monarch is original, if not crazy.

There is a strong movement of aliens back to their European homes. Trying to even the balance of trade.

President Wightman will not use coercion though many citizens might approve the use of a shotgun.

Possibly the heat generated by the Emerian tariff campaign is monopolizing the supply of caloric.

England approves Japan's position, but France persistently indorses Russia's peace policy.

Councils may get busy when they are ready. But they show no evidence of Dewey training.

Gen. Reyes appears to have a very indistinct idea about what The Hague tribunal is for.

Arthur Pue Gorman may be of a mind to impugn the Democracy of the south, yet.

Point bridge is to have a rest. But it is not believed it will recuperate on that alone.

Pere Marquette needs order lamps that will not blow out, or a better signal system.

A taste of zero weather makes us all long for "the good old summer time."

Wu Ting Fang despairs of his country, but has not yet lost his head.

Emperor William has recovered his voice, but has not seen Mr. Bryan.

With some effort Senator Morgan is keeping silent during the recess.

If Colombia doesn't fight about it the Post will be disappointed.

Mr. Gorman is a leader who may be compelled to follow.

Mr. Callery is a talk, but not altogether convincing.

It looks like a white New Year day, anyway.

The Quiet Observer.

ERASMUS WILSON.

We're bored to death by arguments on Russia and Japan,
The Panama canal, on politics, does Kipling's poetry scan?
Will Langley ever sail through space? Will Peary reach the pole?
Is Maeterlinck a dramatist or poet of the soul?
Will steel securities be squeezed until they're limp and dry?
Will Carnegie be poor enough in fifty years to die?

Ohh, what's the use of anything? What matters how or where?
And yet we keep on living, and keep right on breathing air;
There's nothing new to startle us, same sun and same old moon,
Same getting up for breakfast, same grabbag lunch at noon;
Same stories by same authors, and same songs, and same old plays,
The same old smoky autumn and the same November days.

—Rochester Post-Express.

And then comes Comrade Fulton Phillips with a screed on the battle of Drainesville. He says he could write volumes about it, but gives no sign as to whether he intends doing so or not.

Don't do it.

Leave Drainesville to be fought over again and again. There were few battles fought under circumstances so favorable for observation. And then the men engaged were not too busy to take notes, size up movements, and point out where the commander went wrong.

Usually the men are so hurried, and flurried, and bothered by the other fellows nebbing in that they have neither time, opportunity nor inclination to take notes, make critical observations, or knock off sketches on the spot.

But here is where Comrade Phillips gets his cruel work in to the limit:

"Comrade Q. O.: Were you not with the Pennsylvania reserves in those days as a newspaper correspondent and artist; and did you not make a picture of Drainesville for Harper's Weekly?"

No doubt the comrade's intentions are strictly honorable, and all that will be necessary by way of reply is to say that "Comrade Q. O." was too busy fighting the war to a finish down in Kentucky to write pieces and make pictures for papers.

Let Drainesville stand as it is, for there is no other battle that can be fought over so quickly and so thoroughly. To write it up at length would spoil it, while correct drawings would destroy those vivid pictures drawn in the light of the campfire.

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And don't you know the glow of the campfire is growing mellower and smoother? Red streaks flash up occasionally, and at times there is a good deal of sputtering and snapping, but there isn't as much crackling and seething as there used to be.

And yet campfires get pretty hot sometimes, and the air is lined with paper wads and language.

Fortunately for all, nothing more dangerous and deadly than language—just plain English—is allowed to be used. Of course, the usual military form and accent is permitted, while the soldier's license assures to everyone a chance to make himself plainly understood, provided his subject is not too dense to be clearly elucidated, or the camp sound not too dense to comprehend.

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Sure enough! What's the use of anything? Nothing?

That depends upon the individual himself, and not upon the thing itself.

If you are of any use the world will know it, for you can't keep your light hidden; and about the only use, really, that you can be is to point the way to others, warning them of the ruts and boks, and rough places which you have discovered so far in your journey.

How many of us know what side there is in living? Have you ever asked this question of yourself, and given a true answer?

In some uncivilized countries where food is not very plentiful, it is the usual thing to kill off the old folks when they cease to be producers, or become too feeble to forage for their own living, the same as old, wornout horses.

This may strike you as a very inhuman practice; and so it is, from our point of view. But, as you know, our view point is determined by education mainly.

To the more cultured Persian our habit of weeping, wailing and sorrowing over our dead is almost shocking. In the light of our religious teaching that the next and higher life is free from all forms of want, misery and discomfort, it would appear strange to a heathen, at least, that we should fret and fume so much because those we love have been cured of their pains, relieved from want and care, and given permanent and perennially pleasant homes. The heathen would naturally conclude that we preferred to have them suffer more.

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But, there's the rub.

Were we all as certain of going straight to heaven as is the Sepoy and his Buddhist brother, we would only be too glad of the chance to go. He is ever seeking martyrdom, for he believes that will give him immediate entrance to paradise.

For some reason or other we haven't as much faith in our religious faith as the heathen has in his; nor does ours give us as great comfort; yet we persist in efforts to destroy his satisfying faith and substitute one that, as a rule, is less satisfactory to the masses.

The pundit of India says the Buddhists practice what they preach, but seem to preach a good fa..h and live very bad lives.

Such arguments as that render the life of the young and ardent missionary hardly worth living, for he goes out to gather in these lost sheep in droves. But they refuse to be gathered, and talk back, questioning the fair promises made, and pointing to the Christian folk at home, saying: "Why don't you fix them before coming to fix us for a better life?"

The young and ardent missionary then exclaims, in the language of the Master: "I would have gathered you as the hen gathereth her chicks, but ye would not."

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The idea of suicide is abhorrent to all normal living creatures. Were it not so the speedy end of life on earth would be assured, particularly human life.

Do you want to live just for the sake of living—just because life as it comes to you is distinctly and worth all it costs?

Then, if you believe and know that it is not, and that your continuing here will not likely better your condition, and you believe and know that the deep peace and all sorts of comfort on the other side, why don't you go?

No doubt you would if you could, but you can't as long as your vital energy is at or above par. All the forces of your nature will combine to keep you from crossing over.

So with those who die naturally. Their vital forces gradually fail until at last death becomes the crowning desire of the sufferer, and is, therefore, pleasant.

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Rather far afield from Drainesville; and yet, not too far, considering its importance as a central point from which to make forays into new or old fields. With Drainesville behind you and the world before you there is a possibility of winning or getting something worth while. If not really great—if only your machine will fly. Of course, if it kerflops then you get soaked, that's all.

You might not think that you deserved it, but you would. This you clearly admit when you rise to explain why your machine wouldn't fly. You had merely neglected some vitally important point in its construction.

So, it was your fault, after all.

That you believed that the machine would fly there is hope to deny; and if there were, the evidence of your disappointment would convince them to the contrary.

Were we to study as persistently and labor as diligently to insure safe and speedy flight from this stormy world to paradise, wouldn't we stand better chances of making the landing safely and pleasantly?

Yes, indeed! With Drainesville behind you and the wide world before you, there is no telling whither you may fly, nor where you may land.

It is simply up to you, and you may achieve success here, and hereafter, too, if it is in you to strive and plod and plug along without wasting your good energy in kicking, knocking and complaining until you tire yourself out and make everybody else tired—and heaven, too, maybe.

Case in Point.

The Chicago physician who thinks that people in the too much should observe some of the immigrants who reach this country in wholesale consignments. They do not seem any healthier or happier than other people.—Washington Star.

Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Amid the general movement of business uptown in Manhattan, it is noticed that some few branches of commerce remain firmly where they were entrenched before the northwardly emigration had assumed marked proportions. Among those conservative callings is that of book publishing. The publishers have been clustered in lower Fifth avenue and in Twenty-third and other cross streets ever since they left the purlieus of City Hall park. They used to be in Chambers, Beekman, Warren and other thoroughfares running down to either river. A few are there still, but most of the important publishers are above Fourteenth street. Besides the many that are in Fifth avenue, there are several around Union square. That is poor enough to the regular book district to be counted in. In fact, some persons insist that Union square is the Paternoster row of New York. However this may be, it is not to be denied that the houses which are in that vicinity will not move away if it can be helped. One of the prominent houses which makes a business of printing and publishing literary matter is about to move. On February 1 it will go about twenty yards from its present home to its new one. It thinks its trade can follow it that distance. And so it will. It is the feeling of publishers that it would injure them, either commercially or ethically, to get out of the Rumin literary atmosphere that permeates the area, of a mile in diameter, whose center is about half way between Washington square and Twenty-third street. Other businesses may go up to Harlem in the course of time, but it is no more likely that the publishers will get out of earshot of the Flatiron building within the next century than that the drygoods district will move to Carnegie hill.

Welcome for Milburn.

Lawyers as well as that portion of the community vaguely known as "society," are glad to know that John G. Milburn of Buffalo is coming to New York, to be a member of one of the most important law firms of this city. Although Mr. Milburn was a distinguished man long before he became president of the Pan-American exposition in 1901, it was then that his name came to everybody's tongue. President McKinley died in his house. This fact alone makes him of end interest to the American people. New York is as loyal as any city in the country, and Mr. Milburn's connection with President McKinley would make him welcome here, aside from any other claim he might have to the good will of the people.

A New Beauty in Town.

Fayne Moore, who came into port on the Cedric on Christmas day, is one of the features of Broadway. She rides in a cab most of the time, but was seen afoot this afternoon, taking complaisant notice of the improvements in the city since she went to England. She is an actress now. Since she was placed on trial with her husband, some years ago, charged with robbing Mahon, the hotel man, she improved greatly in good looks, and is as handsome a woman as can be met within a day on Broadway. Let it be remembered, too, that Broadway is proud of its beauty show, so that a woman must have more than the average share of good looks to make any particular impression.

"Parsifal" in Church.

Although "Parsifal" is over, so far as its first production in New York is concerned, there was plenty of opportunity for music-lovers to hear parts of the score in the churches of the city today. In most cases no announcement of the selection had been made, either directly or indirectly, but the well-informed music-lover recognized it, whether he had heard the Metropolitan orchestra play it or not. The city is still "Parsifal" mad.

A Pittsburgher on "Sacred Music."

"What is and is not sacred music, is a great question in this city," remarked a musician, formerly of Pittsburgh, to me this afternoon. "Of course, I leave out of consideration the entertainments in music halls and theaters on Sunday night which are miscalled 'sacred concerts.' But this music program to be heard in any of the fashionable churches, with some that are not fashionable, on Sunday morning, is so mixed in its character that it would be hard to classify it. What would some of the old Covenanters, who thought even a parlor organ ungodly, have said to a performance of operatic airs as an accompaniment to a Sabbath sermon? Why, I have heard music perilously near ragtime played on a $10,000 organ in a church on Sunday in this city. So-called love ballads are common, although with such a selection the organist generally makes the concession to reverent sensibilities of playing it in very slow tempo. The old idea that only hymns and psalms must be played or sung in church has exploded in New York. I would be willing to wager that I could play 'Bedella' on the organ in a fashionable church and there would be no pronounced objection. I have heard 'Hiawatha' given to play a congregation out."

How He Paints the Mayor's Portrait.

Mayor-elect McClellan is tasting the sweets of fame in various ways. Dinners in his honor, letters of congratulation and advice, and much handshaking as he will submit to from all manner and conditions of men have fallen to his lot. Now he is having his portrait painted for the Hungarian Democratic club. The hustling disposition of the new mayor would not permit him to give the time required for a sitting. A photograph is the only model the artist has. Sitting for an oil painting, with a book on your knee, and a marble pillar and artistically draped portiers behind you, is the traditional stilted way of doing it. But Col. McClellan has had that for that sort of flummery, and it had to be a photograph or nothing.

No "Acts" for Fitch.

Clyde Fitch has made a bold innovation in his new comedy, "Glad of It," which is scheduled for production tomorrow night. He has obliterated the "acts" as such. He says it is "in four sections." Whether he will drop the curtain after each "scene," or make it a straight continuous performance, is what the harassed dramatic critics want to know.

Hint on Physical Culture.

Now for physical culture as an entertainment. Madison Square garden will be devoted to that exemplification of clean living this week, and some of those who will enter the contest to decide who is the best-developed woman in the world, have come from England. One of them, in conversation today, remarked that she attributed her perfect proportions to good hours, plain food, gymnasium work, and the fact that England is a bad place for good cocktails. "You can't develop people steeped in cocktails," she added. There may be a useful hint in this to femininity in other cities than New York.

Help for Hospitals.

"Hospital Sunday" in New York. This is the day on which the annual collection for the benefit of the hospitals was taken up. The total has not yet been made known, but last year nearly $84,000 was collected. Forty hospitals will benefit by the collections of today. Yesterday the collection was made in the synagogues, the results of which were turned into the common fund. It is significant of the sympathy of human nature for the sick that hospital collections are always larger in proportion than those for any other cause.

Pittsburghers at the Hotels.

The following Pittsburghers registered at the New York hotels during the past 48 hours:

Plaza.
Miss E. B. Rice, Marlborough.
R. J. Martin, A. H. McFarren, Belvedere.
Miss C. C. Shaw, Fifth Avenue.
J. H. Winchester, H. B. Weeden, Navarre.
A. Seaman, Herald Square.
W. C. Downs, I. G. Evans, Holland.
S. A. Verner.

Imperial.
C. T. Bodden, T. F. Bell, Thomas M. Brown, S. B. Weiler.

Broadway Central.
Frank J. Auth, W. F. Auth, W. F. Sheridan, John Scott.

Victoria.
F. H. Jenks, H. F. Toynbee.

St. Denis.
J. Kinsley, Katherine Sheldon, Morton, K. P. Owen.

Lest We Forget.

The policy which drove Spain out of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines; which gave freedom to Cuba and raised the stars and stripes over Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands approved by the American people. But let us not forget that while that policy was shaping its back-of-shore to northern ports Mr. McKinley and his advisers were talking of the Cervera devastation and were accused of trampling the national honor under foot, and of pandering to British political purposes the lives of American soldiers and sailors.—Washington Star.

The Dreyfus Case.

The world is weary of the Dreyfus case. It has long been weary of it, with its interminable patter about forgeries and petit lieus and Paty du Clams and whether judges had what not. Yet we assume that the world, or at any rate the thinking and justice loving part of it, will receive with satisfaction the announcement that the Dreyfus committees has unanimously recommended a revision of the case by the criminal branch of the highest court in France. That will mean a reopening of the whole case. But it will probably not mean any such clandestine personalities as that which marked the last trial. No Henris, nor to mention one monumental mockery of justice in the Zola trial. We shall not be wearied unto death almost with the tedious trifles and trifling that have marked former stages of this unhappy case. The court of cassation is not a ruree show.

There is room, however, for some question as to whether the finding of the court of cassation will be final, or will mean merely a recommending of the case to another court-martial. Both views are held and expressed by authorities. Some hold that the court of cassation is supreme and is competent to dispose finally of the case. Others are equally positive that Dreyfus, being a military officer, is amenable for a military offense only to a court-martial, and that the court of cassation can do nothing more than to order a retrial by such a court. The question turns upon a legal technicality, and is, we believe, quite without precedent in the annals of French jurisprudence. It would be rash to predict, therefore, how it will be decided the more so as French procedure varies so greatly from our own. But it may at least be said that the weight of opinion and the weight of argument and reason, too, seem to be on the side of the finality of the finding of the court of cassation. The whole case is an impressive illustration of the fact that nothing is ever settled completely and satisfactorily until it is settled right.—New York Tribune.

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That the consolation to which the question of Dreyfus ought to have given material was referred would dwindle in the aftermath was a foregone conclusion. It has now done so, and it has, moreover, ordered that the trial shall not be by court-martial, but that it shall take place before the sixteen judges who, under the presidency of M. Loew, constitute the criminal branch of the court of cassation.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the precise effect of the proposed procedure. Dreyfus himself did not wish to be tried by a civil court. His creditable predecessors was to go again before a court-martial, and it is stated that his counsel will endeavor to bring this about. He is not likely to succeed. If the Combe ministry has determined that the impending trial shall be a civil one, it will take a good deal more than an expression of Dreyfus' preference to change the program. Whether M. Combes and his associates are afraid that another court-martial might again convict, or whether they are animated by a desire to exalt the civil over the military power as a matter of principle, is uncertain, but for reasons best known to themselves they want a civil trial, and they are going to have it.

Should Dreyfus be acquitted his record will be cleared, and his restoration to the rank of a commissioned officer in the army should logically ensue. He might even insist upon being assigned to active service, and if he should do so it is difficult to see upon what ground his request could be refused, although to grant it might lead to some unfortunate complications. In France the person who has been unjustly convicted is entitled to recover damages against the government. Should the Dreyfus case come within this rule the bill to pay would be a big one.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Unless the best informed men in France are mistaken, the forthcoming trial will result in that complete and formal vindication for which Dreyfus and his friends have been fighting for almost ten years and everything short of which they have declined to accept. There is some reason to fear that the reopening of the case, which now seems assured, will revive the agitation that kept France divided into two bitterly hostile factions for years. France is naturally sensitive to the criticism of the "affaire" so freely indulged in by foreigners, and resented the demand that justice be done to Dreyfus, apparently conceiving that such a course involved injustice to herself. But she now seems to perceive that the world was not asking her to disbonor herself, but on the contrary to perform a simple act of what French opinion itself now considers only plain justice. If the new trial's result shall be favorable to Dreyfus, as now expected, there are many signs that France will confess her error and make tardy reparation.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Few may now doubt the ultimate realization of the implied prophecies in Zola's great novel, "Truth." In this virile work of fiction, which deals with the religious associations question and the bitterness of the fight between clerical and anticlerical elements, there is interwoven the story of a schoolmaster falsely accused of crime and convicted on perjured testimony. The experience of this teacher is patterned exactly after the experience of Dreyfus, but the author was not content to confine the fictional replica of the Dreyfus case to events which had transpired at the time of his writing. He preferred to lift the veil from the future and indirectly predict the vindication of Dreyfus by rounding out the story of his hero as he conceived the career of Capt. Dreyfus would eventually be rounded out. Glad tidings for all friends of Capt. Dreyfus come from Paris. A commission appointed to consider new revelations concerning the most famous court-martial of the nineteenth century recommended a revision of the case, so that it can now be conducted without fear of a perversion of justice. In a few months from now Dreyfus will not only be a free man, but one with a clean record. Zola's greatest achievement will then have been accomplished.—Baltimore Herald.

Japan and England.

A treaty of alliance between Japan and England provides that should either power be forced in defense of their respective interests become involved in a war with two other powers at the same time the ally must at once "come to its assistance" and "conduct war in common." This strengthens Japan greatly, as is clear, but at the same time it has the effect of hampering her freedom of action, for she has naturally awaited England's approval before proceeding to extremities. All through the past fall England's influence has been of a restraining nature, but now, if war comes, England will recognize that it has not really been occasioned by Japan, and will the more willingly give support.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Pessimism of Wu.

Our genial friend, Wu Ting Fang, late Chinese minister to the United States, got back to China just in time to be drawn into current complications. He has been urging the United States legation at Peking to improve on the downcast empress. China's perilous position and the need of strong men in charge of affairs. He is also reported as saying that as things now look there is no escape for China from dismemberment of the empire. If the downcast empress were wise she would take counsel with able men like Wu Ting Fang instead of clinging to the fossils.—Indianapolis Journal.

IT IS TO SMILE.

"Tis the unexpected always happens—unless you expect a collector.—Yale Record.

"They say this Prof. Laughy is a man of remarkable steady nerves."

"Well, there's one thing certain—he's never up in the air."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you believe in telepathy?"

"Well, this morning a man paid me $100 he owed me, and this afternoon I got a letter from my wife asking for $100."—Life.

Patron—Have you "Cory Tale's Last Fiddle?"

Clerk—No; but we have something just as good.

Patron—I want something just as bad.—Philadelphia Record.

Acorn—You seem to be having an unusual demand for New Year's cards.

Dealer—Yes, mostly from elderly maiden ladies. They're sending them "Happy New Year" greetings to each other. This is the first leap year, you know, since 1896.—Philadelphia Press.

Clarence—I notice one of the weather bureau men ever carry umbrellas when they have predictions rain.

Gotham—No, after having predicted it, I suppose they feel as if they should do everything they could to encourage it.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Death Roll.

Rev. Jeremiah Reed Brittain, D. D.

The Rev. Jeremiah Brittain, D. D., for 22 years pastor of the Greenville United Presbyterian church, died Saturday at Newark, N. J., of nervous trouble. The remains will be brought to Greenville, where services will be held in the Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Brittain was born near Beaver Falls, July 26, 1838. His early schooling was obtained in the Darlington and Beaver academies, and in 1861 he was graduated from Westminster college, New Wilmington. After serving a few months in the Union army he entered the United Presbyterian Theological seminary, Allegheny. In 1866 he accepted the call of the Greenville church and remained its pastor until 1888, when he accepted a call from the Glenwood United Presbyterian church, Chicago. In 1897 he returned to Greenville and acted as state organizer for the Anti-Saloon league. Four years ago he removed to Newark, N. J. Dr. Brittain was a member of the board of trustees of Westminster college for 10 years, and in 1900 that institution conferred upon him the title of doctor of divinity. He was also a director of the United Presbyterian Theological seminary for six years. In 1866 he was married to Miss Nannie D. King of Illinois, who, together with a number of children, survive.

Mrs. Eleanor Gregg Laubie.

Mrs. Eleanor Gregg Laubie died yesterday at her home, 75 Hazelwood avenue. Mrs. Laubie was born in Canada, came to Pittsburgh with her parents when she was a child and lived in Pittsburgh, Allegheny and vicinity ever since. About 44 years ago she was married to Henry Laubie, who died 30 years since. Shortly after his death Mrs. Laubie moved to Hazelwood with her children, where the family has resided ever since. Mrs. Laubie was a member of the First Christian church of Hazelwood. She is survived by her son, James, who holds a responsible position with the Carnegie Company; two daughters, Misses Laura and Minnie; five sisters, Mrs. J. A. Calvin of Homewood, Mrs. Evans G. Roberts, Mrs. M. B. Johnston and Mrs. M. E. Aswell, all of Allegheny, and Mrs. George S. Fawcett of Brooklyn, and three brothers, James F., William P. and H. M. Gregg.

Mrs. Helen W. Evarts.

Mrs. Helen W. Evarts, the widow of William M. Evarts of New York, died yesterday morning in her 84th year at Windsor, Vt. The funeral services will be held at St. Peter's church, Windsor, on Tuesday. Mrs. Evarts was a daughter of the late Hon. Alden Walker of Windsor, where she was born July 22, 1820, and where she was married August 30, 1843. Since the death of her husband in February, 1901, Mrs. Evarts resided at Windsor, which was the family country home. Mr. and Mrs. Evarts had 12 children, nine of whom, four sons and five daughters, are now living.

Selah Reve Van Duzen.

Selah Reve Van Duzen, president in the wholesale drug business in the United States and England, died at his home in Newburg, N. Y., yesterday. He was born in 1823 in New York, where his father was for many years president of the New York Exchange bank. Mr. Van Duzen is survived by a widow and three children, one of whom is Frederick Van Duzen, president of the American society in London.

F. N. R. Martinez.

F. N. R. Martinez, the musical and art critic of the New York World, died yesterday in New York, after a month's illness, resulting from paralysis. Mr. Martinez was born in San Francisco in 1860. He was for many years the dramatic and musical critic of the San Francisco News Letter.

Mrs. Hanna N. Moyle.

Mrs. Hannah N. Moyle died at her home, 418 Olive street, McKeesport, yesterday of dropsy. She was 69 years old and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She is survived by two daughters—Mrs. S. T. Berry and Mrs. E. Clark. The funeral services will be from this morning in the Methodist Episcopal church, McKeesport.

Obituary Notes.

John Byerly of Driving park, McKeesport, died at his home yesterday afternoon, after a brief illness. He was 67 years old.

PERSONALS

T. B. Shuky of the Shuky Furniture Company of Cleveland is at the Colonial hotel. In discussing the furniture business he said: "Our firm does only the upholstering work. We have placed an order for a sample of leather which is said to be made under a new process. It is to be ribbed and thicker than any other cowhide leather ever turned out of a tannery. Few hides are placed on the market but that have defects in them. The defective ones are called seconds, but after out of every ten, two as good as the first-class quality. Leather is not only beautiful at present, and had there not been a lull in the furniture trade the upholsterers would not be able to fill the orders."

O. J. Appleton, for 28 years manager for Nat C. Goodwin, with his wife, are at the Colonial.

Capt. R. Woodside of the British army and Lord Brooke, son of Guy Greville, earl of Warwick, are at the Lincoln. They are being entertained by Pittsburgh friends.

Lee Arthur, the well-known playwright, is at the Lincoln.

William A. Brady of New York, the theatrical manager and who managed the show in which James J. Corbett starred, is in the city at the Lincoln.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The nearby residents registered at the local hotels last night were as follows:

Duquesne—H. H.

COLD WEATHER IS PASSING ON

Thermometer Went Up from 6 to 30 Degrees in 10 Hours, Dropping Slightly Afterward.

SLEIGHING IN THE EAST END

The backbone of the cold spell was broken yesterday, but not before the weather had stiffened its vertebrae in one more effort to exceed the cold of the day before. The effort was futile, however, for the lowest drop in the mercury was to 6 degrees, exactly the same as the minimum temperature on Saturday. There was a piercing wind, too, so that early churchgoers, just out of warm beds, could be pardoned for thinking that zero temperature had been reached at last, although the 6-degree limit was attained at midnight. While hours before church began, and a little before the mercury had crept up to 10, which was at 8 a. m. The weather bureau records show that the temperature has not been so low as 6 degrees on December 27 in eight years.

There was a good deal of sleighing yesterday, but most of the driving was in the East End streets and on the country roads. The sleighing was not good in the parks or on the boulevards, for the wind had blown the light snow from big patches of road. Several big sleds filled with merry parties jingled through Oakland and the East End last night.

That the backbone of the cold is broken is proved by the thermometer, for at 6 p. m. the mercury had gone up to 30 degrees. At 8 o'clock it had descended again to 24 degrees, but it was not expected by the weather forecaster that it would go much lower. Fair weather is predicted for today.

The dropping of the banner "Babes in the Woods" on the trolley wires at First avenue and Smithfield street yesterday afternoon created considerable excitement. The banner was burned by the electricity in the trolley wires and the current was transmitted by the banner wire charging all the awning and light wires in front of the Monongahela house. The snapping and hissing of these wires excited the guests of the hotel, who thought the place would be set on fire. The firemen from No. 2 hose company in First avenue ran a hose line to the scene and put out the burning banner. Beyond the destruction of the awning of Biggard & Wolff, jewelers, at 9 Smithfield street, no great damage was done.

Word was sent to the bureau of electricity and the traction company and in a few minutes the linemen soon had the banner wire cut, checking the current into the other wires. During this excitement the passageway in Smithfield street was cut off. The banner wire was snapped off at the connection on the west side of the street by the high wind.

A similar accident occurred in front of a Greek restaurant at 324 Wood street in the afternoon. The wind blew a large ornamental piece from the roof into the street. The wooden missile broke two of the light wires in front of the store, which set fire to the awning. The wiremen from the bureau of electricity were sent for and repaired the broken wires.

The lodging capacity of the Oakland and East End police stations was overtaxed last night by the number of applicants who sought shelter. At the Oakland station 41 strangers were furnished with beds, and almost as many more turned away. The East End station could care for only a few.

Charles Emerson, 16 years old, of Fourth street, Carnegie, while skating on Chartiers creek late last night, fell and broke his right ankle. The boy was taken to his home.

PERRY MUST FIGHT TO SAVE HIS SEAT

Spirited Contest in the Twelfth Ward for Membership in Select Council.

Twelfth ward Citizens and Democrats cannot agree upon a councilmanic ticket. The Democrats are insisting that they be allowed to name both the select and common councilmen. The Citizens are willing to make an even divide.

In the Republican ranks there is a spirited contest for the select council nomination. Thomas E. Perry, who has held the seat for a number of years wants another term. Common Councilman E. G. Schwarzwaelder has decided to go to the upper branch. Many, who have been affiliated with the Citizens, are supporting him. Schwarzwaelder has been the recognized Republican leader of the Twelfth ward for several years.

John Casserly is making a hard fight for the nomination for select councilman of the Thirtieth ward. He is backed by Martin Mullen. His opponent is John J. Morgan, the present member. Morgan is the candidate of the city administration. In the hope of aiding him, an order has been issued closing the Mullen club.

The Republicans of Braddock have decided to hold a primary election on January 16, under the rules of the recently organized Republican borough executive committee, to nominate Republican candidates for the various municipal offices. Alfred L. Oskin is the president of the executive committee, and Prof. J. Edgar Little is the secretary.

In Duquesne the Republicans have selected of their candidates as follows: Council, First ward, Dr. W. E. Steffy; Second ward, Milton B. Redell, and Third ward, James S. Crawford; school directors in Third ward, Edwin R. Crawford and W. A. Tyler; assessor, First ward, H. C. Roeser, Second ward, A. F. Eichler and Third ward, Walter Rowland.

COLD WEATHER CAUSES FIRE

Endeavor to Thaw a Frozen Water Pipe Results in $800 Damage.

Burning paper used in an effort to thaw a frozen water pipe at the residence of John G. Bauer, 163 Lilliton street, South Side, caused an explosion of gas at 9:30 yesterday morning. The floor of the kitchen took fire, and before the flames could be checked $800 damage was done, covered by insurance.

A hot boiler in a stove at 317 Penn avenue started some woodwork to smoking yesterday morning. The firemen cooled it off and no damage resulted.

A small fire at the residence of Andrew Madden, 1025 Vickroy street, yesterday morning, caused by the woodwork igniting while an effort was being made to thaw water pipes.

The notion store of I. Solomon at 1009 Bedford avenue was damaged $350 by fire yesterday morning.

NEW GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

The new St. Andrew's Greek Catholic church of Homestead was dedicated yesterday morning with elaborate ceremonies. The pastor, the Rev. C. R. Vester, officiated. The Rev. Father Vester was assisted by many priests of the Greek Catholic denomination from surrounding points in the Monongahela valley, and the congregation was augmented by members of other congregations.

The new church cost over $65,000. The altar vessels and vestments alone cost nearly $10,000.

One Death from Smallpox.

Carrie Smith, aged 25 years and married, of 1727 Charles street, died of smallpox at the Municipal hospital yesterday, she had been ill 10 days. Only one new case of smallpox was reported yesterday, that of Etal Gould, 2016 Dustin street.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

FINE NEW CHURCH IS DEDICATED

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—With the mass at 6 o'clock this morning the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, which has just been completed at a cost of $85,000, was formally occupied by the congregation for the first time. The congregation is composed of Slavs, and for years they have had no Catholic church of their own. About four and one-half years ago the Rev. J. W. Beeka came to this city and started the work among the Slavs. Since then his congregation has grown to number 200 families, widely scattered through the valley, some of them being four miles from the church, at Steelton, whence they walk each Sunday.

CUPID FORSOOK DART FOR RIFLE

Unrequited Love Declared to Be Responsible for Plum Township Suicide.

MANY CASES FOR CORONER

Purlia Painter, aged 18, of Trestle postoffice, Plum township, killed himself for the love of a girl who did not know of his infatuation, according to the testimony brought out at the coroner's inquest yesterday. Painter on Saturday shot himself through the heart with a rifle which his father had been cleaning. At first it was reported that the shooting had been accidental, but at the inquest held by Deputy Coroner Frank Rohan the father testified that the gun was unloaded when he gave it to his son, and that he feared that the boy had killed himself of his own intent.

It was testified that Painter had been expected to attend a dance on Saturday night with some of his companions. He met a young woman early in the evening and inquired about the party, and it is thought that she told him that the girl he had declined to accompany to the affair had decided to go with a rival, and that Painter became despondent in consequence.

Michael Cavanaugh died of heart trouble at Central police station early yesterday morning. He was a waiter, 29 years old and single, and lived at No. 1833 Fifth avenue.

Maria Teressa Jauret, a widow, 51 years old, committed suicide by hanging yesterday at her home in Sturgeon, South Fayette township. She had been despondent since her husband died some time ago, and is said to have threatened to take her life.

Charles T. Ferguson, colored, 42 years old, died in a cellar at No. 338 Smallman street, yesterday, having lain there for about four weeks receiving little attention. He was employed by Morgan H. Hall, a contractor, and while working in total darkness on a building on Forty-first street fell 40 feet, suffering internal injuries.

Michael Russell of Sturgion, was instantly killed near his home at 4 p. m. yesterday by a freight train on the Panhandle road.

R. W. Buttons, 35 years old, of Hanover, Ind., was killed instantly at 4:45 p. m. near Ambridge by a Ft. Wayne train.

Three infants were found dead in bed, suffocated by the clothes, during the last 24 hours in Allegheny county. They were Mary Dorobos, 3 years old, of 16 Mill street, Duquesne; infant Cehringer, 1409 East street, Allegheny, 6 weeks old, and infant Letta, 2 days old, 485 Ella street, Wilkinsburg.

Broker Commits Suicide.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—George R. Lazure, a prominent broker of Bellaire, committed suicide at the Globe hotel in that city this afternoon by hanging himself with a bed sheet.

NURSES LEAVING INFECTED CITY

Patients at Butler Slowly Recovering and Their Work Is Finished.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.)

BUTLER, Dec. 27.—One death and eight new cases form the typhoid fever record for Sunday. Leila Spence, aged 14 years, daughter of William Spence of Fairview avenue, died this morning. This is the eightieth death from typhoid fever or its complications.

The number of new cases may be larger than reported, as the Third and Fourth wards only were heard from. The increase can only be accounted for by secondary infection, as at least six of the new cases are in families where other members have already had the fever. Wells Medjunkin, a son of J. D. McJunkin, Miss Rose Adams, Christopher Stock and son Paul, Mrs. Johnson and a young daughter of Mathias Leibler are among those included in today's report.

The new cases nearly keep pace with the convalescents and the number sick is almost as great as at the beginning of the month. The funerals of William Marks, Harry M. Starr, Jessie J. Akins and Raymond Grohman were held today. All the diphtheria patients have recovered and there are no cases existing at present. The quarantine has been lifted from all the houses in which it existed. The total number of diphtheria cases was 15. Two deaths occurred, in both of which diphtheria set in after the victims were recovering from typhoid fever.

A number of nurses whose patients have successfully recovered from the fever and for whom there was no further work have returned to their homes. Probably 25 have left and the relief committee at present has not over 100 on its payroll. Chairman Moore was presented with a handsome rocking chair by the nurses as a Christmas gift.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 27.—Typhoid fever cases continue to increase in this place and one death resulted from the disease last night. Miss Susan Bowser being the victim. An analysis of the river water has shown it to be polluted with fever germs, supposed to have come from cases further up the stream.

DEATHS.

EBERHART—On Sunday, December 27, 1903, at 2:40 p. m., Miss MARY EVERHART, in her 59th year.

Funeral from the residence of her niece, Mrs. Henry Riethmiller, No. 16 Mary street, Pleasant Valley, near Shrewsbury, Pa., Tuesday afternoon. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GARBER—At Thomasville, Ga., December 25, 1903, at 11 A. M., GEORGE B. GARBER, in his 52d year.

Notice of funeral later.

LAPTE—On Sunday, December 27, 1903, at 6 a. m., MARY CHRISTIANA, wife of Adolph L. Lapte, in her 43d year.

Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Augusta Harbison, 255 Pacific avenue, East End, Tuesday. Services at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Liberty street and Madison avenue, Allegheny, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.

LAUBE—On Sunday, December 27, 1903, at 2:30 p. m., at her residence, No. 37 Hazelwood avenue, ELEANOR, widow of Henry Laube.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

MCGREW—On Sunday, afternoon, after a lingering illness, JOHN, JR., only son of John and Alice M. McGrew, aged 4 years 4 months.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of his parents, No. 58 Clifton avenue, Allegheny. Interment private.

MCKINNON—Suddenly on Saturday, December 26, 1903, at 12:10 a. m., LACHLAN MCKINNON.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 506 Cobart square, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

ROUP—At Verona, Pa., on Saturday, December 26, 1903, at 2:20 p. m., GEORGE W. ROUP, aged 67 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Funeral services at his late residence, Union street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Oakmont cemetery. Friends of the family and members of the Chas. W. Bright Post No. 599, G. A. R., Arsenal lodge No. 1, O. U. A. M., Iowa No. 241, of P. of J. W. Paul Tent Knights of the Maccabees are respectfully invited to attend.

SNYDER—On Saturday, December 26, 1903, at 3:50 p. m., SIDNA PEARL, only daughter of Edward and the late Emma E. Snyder, aged Grove, in her 22d year.

Funeral services at the residence of her uncle, Frank Grove, No. 7510 Idlewild street, East End, Pittsburgh, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private later.

STIERHEIM—On Saturday, December 26, 1903, at 1:10 p. m., at his home, No. 76 Meade street, Allegheny, LEVNOR, son of Addie L. and George Bayton Stierheim, aged 7 years.

Funeral services will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

WILLIAMS—Suddenly, of apoplexy, Sunday evening, December 27, Mr. CHARLES WILLIAMS, aged 56, brother of Mrs. Eliza N. Williams and uncle of Mrs. William H. McKenna.

WOLFRAM—On Sunday, December 27, 1903, at 6:30 p. m., CHRIST J., beloved husband of Catharine Wolfram (nee Koelsperger), in his 58th year.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon, December 29, at 1:30 o'clock. Service at the Zion Lutheran church, Rodgers avenue, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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starts today in the Dress Goods and Silk Aisle and all over the house.
Lots and values as never seen.
All odd and surplus lines of all kinds to be sold.

Lot of 75 cent neat check 54 inch Novelty Dress Goods—Green, Brown, Navy and Green effects, 35c.

Lot of 56 inch Dollar Overplaid Tweeds, 50c—goods for the money that will be a revelation to all who come.

Blue, Brown, Gray and Oxford effects with colored overplaids.

Texture and style and a price most remarkable.

Lot of Imported Tucked and Hemstitched solid color soft wool Waist Cloths—Pink, Red, Reseda, Light Blue and Cream—Dollar Goods, 35c.

When women see them—and the price—they'll go as good goods—desirable for fashionable uses—always do when this store puts its Shelf Emptying price on.

Assorted lot 50, 65 and 75 cent All Wool Waist Cloths, 25c—all colors, large variety of effects—woven stripes, some silk mixed embroidered, some tucked.

silks

Assorted table Dollar and $1.25 Silks, 50c—Lace stripe Silks in evening and street shades, Broche Stripes, Taffeta and Louisine Stripes and Moire Velours—all of them colored and a great variety of colors.

Lot choice colored plain Peau de Soie—Navy, Brown, Red and Light Blue, 55c—not as big price reductions as the above but of great importance as you'll admit when you see the Silks.

Table of very superior quality yard wide Black Taffeta Silks, 75c—that will make business this day and as long as there's any to sell.

laces and embroideries

Shelves and Boxes emptied—Center tables filled with lots at prices so emphatic all will be buyers.

All the soiled and surplus Embroideries—broken setts and odd widths, wide and narrow—baby edges to petticoat flouncings—all sorted into lots at 5, 10, 15 and 25 cents a yard.

Never was there such an Embroidery Sale as this—the variety for selection and kind for the money—whole center aisle filled with them, except for some lots of Laces priced to go.

Lot of 10 cent Cotton Cluny and Torchon Edges and Insertions 2 to 2½ inches wide, 5c.

25 cent Linen Medici Laces, 2 and 2½ inches wide for Petticoat trimming, 15c.

Lot of 5 and 6 cent Edges and Insertions, 3c.

Odds and Ends Broken setts Dollar to $2.00 Imported Venise Insertions—straight and irregular effects for trimming gowns, 50c.

Lot 25 cent double edged Ecru Cotton Insertion—ten different styles, 5c a yard.

Three hundred Framed Pictures of various sorts and sizes—value 18c to $15.00—Half Price—9c to $7.50.

muslinwear

Emptying the 1903 stock Two Dollar Corset Covers, $1.00.

$2.50 and $3.00 ones, $1.75—$4.00 ones, $2.50—$5.00 and $6.00 ones, $3.50.

Dollar Night Gowns, 75c—$1.50 ones, $1.00—$2.50 and $3.00 ones, $2.00.

All Muslinwear of all kinds that's mussed or soiled all to be sold.

Table of Fine French hand made Underwear—soiled Corset Covers, Drawers, Chemise, Night Gowns, marked so low they'll soon all be gone.

corset sale

Four lots and Prices thereon to make distribution of Corsets that the like of hasn't been seen.

$10.00 French Corsets, $3.00.
Two Dollar Corsets, $1.00.
Dollar Corsets, 65c.

Assorted lot Corsets—odds and ends, 50c to $1.00 Corsets—all grouped together under one price, 25c.

fine furs in it

Russian and Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs and Setts, Blended Marten, Eastern Mink, Baum Marten, Mole and Ermine, Persian Lamb—priced to empty Shelves and Cases as never before.

$60.00 Furs, $35.00.
$115.00 Furs, $75.00—$125.00 Furs, $85.00—$150.00, $160.00 and $175.00 Furs, $100.00—$200.00 Furs, $125.00—$350.00 Furs, $275.00—$550.00 Furs, $400.00.

If this don't make great Fur business we don't know what will.

walking suits

—priced to empty racks and cases and do it fast.

$18.50, $20.00 and $22.50—Black and the fashionable colors—various materials, $12.50.

Twenty-five Dollar, $28.50 and $33.00 Walking Suits, $18.50.

$75.00 Suits, $50.00.

Evening Gowns—Voiles, Crepe de Chene, Net, Lace, etc., Black and fashionable colors for evening—cut so people will be compelled to pay attention.

$275.00 Gowns, $175.00—$250.00 for $150.00—$200.00 for $125.00—$125.00 for $75.00—$90.00 for $65.00—$80.00 for $50.00—$55.00 for $35.00.

tan and black coats

—all sizes—all lengths—prices to make them go quick.

Fifteen Dollar Coats, $10.00.

$18.50 and $20.00 ones, $13.50—$22.50 and $25.00 ones, $15.00—$28.50 ones, $18.50—$33.00 ones, $25.00.

Blouses also reduced—$42.00 ones, $25.00—$50.00 ones, $28.50.

misses' and children's coats

—reduced to a basis to make it important for mothers to get here at once.

All full length, short, three-quarter and 32 inch Coats for misses 14 to 18 and children 6 to 14 as follows:

$8.50 ones, $5.00—$10.00 ones, $6.50—$12.50 ones, $8.50—$16.50 ones, $12.50—$18.50 ones, $13.50—$25.00, $28.00 and $30.00 ones, $18.50—$37.50 and $40.00 ones, $25.00.

Lot of $6.50 and $7.50 fine Vesting Waists, $3.50

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One Everett upright, ebony
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One Leslie upright, mahogany
One Thayer upright, mahogany
One Harmony upright, mahogany
One Heller upright, mahogany
One Kingsley upright mahogany
One Chauncey upright, mahogany
One Hardman upright, mahogany

We expect to dispose of all the instruments included in this sale by Thursday night. Stock-taking begins January 1, and we wish to reduce the stock to the minimum before that time.

This opportunity is made additionally attractive by the arrival of some excellent pianos, which were ordered for the Christmas trade, but which have just been received. Special prices have been put upon these also to move them quickly.

We can guarantee rare bargains in all these goods. This house has been established so many years and has maintained so high a standard that the word "bargains" is never used here except advisedly.

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More Songs, Dances, Fun, Jollity than any show on the road.
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EMPIRE Reached by all cross town cars. THIS WEEK REBECCA WARREN TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES

THIS WEEK—DUQUESNE ISABEL IRVING IN THE CRISIS.

HARRY W. WILLIAMS' ACADEMY Matinee To-morrow & Every Day All This Week. SICK AND HARTYGAN Big Gaiety

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BRAVE ENGINEER BORNE TO GRAVE

Two Thousand Persons Attend Funeral of William Thornley, Killed in Dawson Wreck.

SILENT TRIBUTE OF TRAINMEN

Two thousand persons yesterday attended the funeral of William Thornley, the Baltimore & Ohio engineer who went down to death with his locomotive in the wreck at Laurel run. At the Ames Methodist Episcopal church in Hazelwood the pews and stairways were crowded during the services, and hundreds were unable to hear the eloquent eulogy the Rev. C. V. Wilson, pastor of the church, paid to bravery and sacrificing devotion to duty. The services were under the direction of Joppa lodge, No. 498, F. & A. M., and the eight pall-bearers were chosen from its members.

A touching and unexpected tribute was paid to the memory of the old engineer just as the casket bearing his remains was carried from the church. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad crosses Second avenue at this point and the track is but a few yards from the sanctuary. Standing before the portal with uncovered heads stood the Masonic brethren while the draped bier was being borne to the hearse. From within came the muffled tones of the organ, the sad, sweet notes of the funeral march mingling with the shrill whistle of the winter wind that swayed the trees and lashed snow upon the black pall of the dead.

Silent Tribute of Trainmen.

Down the track at this moment came a passenger train—the very one that Engineer Thornley used to haul. As the big locomotive passed the church there was no useless clanging of alarms for the crossing. The fireman tolled his bell softly, and he and the engineer stood in the cab with their caps removed while the train rumbled past the scene.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, or soon the ritualistic form for the memorial services was observed by Joppa lodge, and at 3 o'clock brief prayers were said at the home, 4005 Lytle street, after which the remains were taken to the church. The building was filled when the flower-decked casket was carried in, and there was scarcely room for the family and friends. The Rev. R. B. Mansell of Beaver Falls assisted at the services, and the music was furnished by a quintet from the consistory choir under the direction of Daniel E. Nuttall. Mr. Wilson, who has been the dead engineer's pastor for five years, paid a glowing tribute to the bravery of the man.

Eulogy by His Pastor.

"In the sorrow in which our hearts bleed in sympathy for this bereft home, there is a sweet, touching lesson for those of us who live to see its influence," said the pastor. "Like a manly, courageous man—a man who went down to death at his post of duty—was our brother who lies silent before us. For a score of years he had faithfully discharged his duties. For a score of years it had been his custom to care for the lives of hundreds of passengers who rode behind him every night. In rain and storm and in the face of danger he never shirked this precious trust. Thousands will thank him now and tens of thousands who hear his Maker's call will thank Him at the last chapter of his life when he was swallowed in the jaws of death, will join in the prayer for his loved ones and add a tribute to his courage."

At the close of the services the immense congregation filed before the casket. Fifty carriages composed the funeral cortege to the Homewood cemetery, where the burial service was conducted according to the Masonic rites. Thomas Meares and Chaplain Charles H. Mason officiating. The pallbearers were William L. Wylie, C. A. Woods, Frank Kohne, J. F. Wills, F. W. Germ, William Cox, Frank Cunningham and R. C. Chamberlain.

Fellow Workmen Were Present.

Engineer Thornley for 18 years had been a member of Division No. 50 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Connellsville. Over 500 of his old fellow-workmen attended the funeral. Delegates No. 370 of Glenwood and No. 118 of McKees Rocks being represented by large delegations. The engineers had no part in the services and were greatly disappointed by the arrangements which left many of them unable to find standing room in the crowded church, and while the funeral sermon was being preached, a score of his old comrades sat in a melancholy group in Hazelwood railroad station, everything in the line of the brother they all had known so well.

"The P. & O. has lost two men," said one gray-haired engineer, brushing away a tear with his woolen mitt. "One is Col. Gaskell, the president, and the other is Bill Thornley—both good men and fellows that I had known equally well. I congratulate Loree because he has gone up still higher in the world and deserves it, but there's none that will be more missed than Bill, as fine a man as ever shook an honest man's hand."

WOULD REDUCE GARBAGE WITHOUT COST TO CITY

Proposition Made to St. Louis for Saving of $130,000 a Year.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—A proposition to take charge of and reduce the garbage of the city of St. Louis free of cost has created some amazement among city officials who have been paying from $100,000 to $130,000 a year for this service.

J. A. Worthington, representing a syndicate which for years has been reducing the garbage of Denver free of charge, makes this offer. All he asks is that the city deliver to his company's barges anywhere along the river front all the garbage of the city to be transported by the company to a large farm they would buy down the river and where they would feed the greater part of the garbage, after cooking it, to cattle and hogs. The balance they would reduce in the usual way.

Mr. Worthington says the city would thereby save not only the present cost of the garbage reduction, $130,000 a year, but that the cost of hauling would be greatly reduced.

BOILER EXPLODED.

Serious Accident Occurs While Locomotive Was Running at High Speed.

AKRON, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The boiler of an engine hauling a freight train on the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling road exploded near here today while the train was running at full speed. Frank Scott, fireman, of Cleveland, and Walter Hartley, brakeman, of Canton, were fatally scalded, the fireman being hurled from the cab and picked up 50 feet away.

Engineer Johnson of Cleveland was thrown 50 feet and was picked up unconscious. It is thought that low water in the boiler caused the accident.

MRS. CRUMBIE SAYS RAGEN GOT $2 FROM HER GROCER

Justice A. J. Neeling of Millvale has committed Harry Ragen, of Allegheny on the charge of securing money on false pretenses. It is alleged that while boarding with Mrs. Mary Crumbie of Rebecca street Ragen took Mrs. Crumbie's grocery book to the store of James Connors at 1850 Rebecca street and obtained $2, having the money charged to the account of Mrs. Crumbie.

Oil Company Changes Hands.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 27.—J. C. Donnell of the Ohio Oil Company has closed a purchase of the Exchange Oil Company's holdings in Wood, Hancock and Sandusky counties. The transfer consists of 1,000 acres of leases and 275 producing wells with an average production of 600 barrels. The consideration is said to be nearly $500,000.

Workman Dashed to Death.

AKRON, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Thomas Masterson, aged 25 years and married, was instantly killed here today and Joseph Glonder fatally injured by the slipping of a rope on a scaffold on which they were working.

DEAD COMRADES ARE REMEMBERED

Two Grand Army Posts Hold Solemn Memorial Services for Departed Members.

EX.-GOV. WM. A. STONE SPEAKS

Memorial services in honor of seven departed comrades were held yesterday by Abe Patterson Post No. 88, G. A. R., in the post hall, at South and East Diamond streets, Allegheny. There was a large attendance of the comrades and relatives of the dead.

Those in whose memory the services were held are John C. Donaldson, John Hartman, Samuel A. McClelland, Jacob Steurnagle, Thomas M. Tatem, Miles Closs and John Hertzog. The buglers at the services were T. Tatem, Jr., and John Harvey, and the drummer was William Priest.

The services opened with an organ prelude and the congregation sang a hymn. Commander John Shonk opened the post and the records of the deceased were read by Adjutant S. J. Brauff. The floral tributes were deposited by William H. Graham, John A. Fairman and Loyal C. Greaves. The regular ritual was then proceeded with consisting of the responsive service by commander and chaplain, the forming of the square, the scripture reading, the reducing of the square, an address by the Rev. W. N. Johnson and the closing of the post. The congregation sang "America" and the services closed with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Lieutenant James M. Lyle Post No. 185, G. A. R., held its nineteenth annual memorial services in the Arch street, Allegheny, M. E. church at 3 p. m. The musical parts of the exercises were given by Frederick H. East and the choir of the church. Commander Thomas G. Sample opened the post, Chaplain Samuel Hough conducted the responsive service, and the Rev. W. W. Hall, pastor of the church, delivered the memorial prayer. The deposition of the floral tributes was by Comrades Charles W. Gerwig, George F. Peters and W. C. Knoch. Ex-Governor William A. Stone delivered the memorial address.

The following are the dead members of the post, in whose memory services were held: Charles H. Boenning, William J. Headrick, Michael Hall, Frederick Lehman, George W. Gibson, Frederick Zehndr.

ORGANIST JORES IS TO LEAVE PITTSBURGH

Intends to Give Up His Position in Third Presbyterian Church.

Ernest Francois Jores, one of the most talented musicians of Pittsburgh, has announced his intention of resigning the position of organist of the Third Presbyterian church, at Fifth and South Negley avenues. Organist Jores is said to have

Ernest Francois Jores.

notified the trustees of the church that he has an offer from a leading church in Philadelphia which promises him a substantial advance in salary.

Mr. Jores is one of the highest salaried church organists in the city, but it is understood that his services cannot be retained unless an increase equal to the one offered by the Philadelphia church is made. Prof. J. Hench is chairman of the music committee of the Third Presbyterian church. He said yesterday that "technically" Mr. Jores had not resigned, but that the matter would be definitely decided within a couple of weeks. Mr. Jores has been organist of the Third church for four years.

Want Tidings of the Mills.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The South Sharon board of trade has appointed John Fitzpatrick and John A. Forland, secretary, to confer with the Sharon board of trade in regard to sending a committee after the first of the year to W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, to secure information as to when the mills will be started.

Millvale Fire Company to Elect.

The regular meeting for the election of officers of the Citizens fire company of Millvale will be held in the Millvale opera house this evening at 8 o'clock. A meeting will also be held this evening to organize a volunteer fire company in the Third ward.

Suspect His Sanity.

Frank Moss, aged 23 and single, who boards at 24 Troy Hill road, Allegheny, was arrested last night at his home. He has been acting strangely for the past three days and the people with whom he boarded asked to have him locked up. His sanity will be inquired into today.

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FRANK HOLLIDAY STRUCK BY A CAR

Son of Pittsburgh's Postmaster Received Two Serious Wounds.

WOMAN'S INJURIES ARE FATAL

Frank Holliday, 17 years old, son of Postmaster George B. Holliday, was struck by street car No. 392 of the Elliott and Sheraden branch of the Pittsburgh Railways Company at the foot of the Duquesne Heights incline, West Carson street, shortly after 6 o'clock last evening and severely injured. He is now in the Homeopathic hospital, and, although conscious, the physicians are unable to determine whether his skull is fractured. He received two wounds, one over the right eye and a deep cut on top of the head.

Holliday and Abraham Richman, a friend, had attended the deaf and dumb Sunday school at Trinity church. When Holliday was 6 years old he had an attack of spinal meningitis, which deprived him of his hearing and speech. Four years ago he was graduated at the Mt. Airy Deaf and Dumb institute at Philadelphia.

Holliday and Richman boarded a car to go to Holliday's home at No. 28 Meridian street, Duquesne Heights. It was snowing when they got off the car, and they were crossing the street to the incline when an eastbound car came on them. Being unable to hear the car approaching, young Holliday was run down.

Richman was in the rear of his companion and escaped. The impact of the car knocked Holliday to the west side of the street against the curbing. He was picked up unconscious and was carried into the incline station. Word was sent to No. 8 police station, West Main street, and the injured youth was taken to the hospital. Postmaster Holliday, with his wife and son, George A. Holliday, assistant postmaster, went to the hospital immediately. Young Holliday regained consciousness upon his arrival at the hospital and was able to recognize his relatives.

Before prayer in the Second Presbyterian church last evening announcement was made of the accident to the congregation, to which the family of the young man belongs.

Mary Eberhart, 59 years old, died at the West Penn hospital yesterday afternoon of injuries received by being struck by a Shaler township car at Butler and Fifty-fifth streets, December 23. She was a cook at the Home for Incurables in Butler street, near Fifty-sixth street.

SNOWTRACKS CAUSED THE ARREST OF TWO MEN

Plunder Stolen from Penn Avenue Store Secured by Three Policemen

The fresh fall of snow which descended early Saturday morning aided Lieut. Charles Bostwick and Policemen Edward Nikirk and Bernard Corcoran in capturing two men who entered the jewelry store of Max Nolen, 5 Penn avenue. The men, who gave their names as Frank Eheman and George Ruminsky, were held for a hearing.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday morning Mrs. Frank Milkstein, who lives opposite the store, saw a man smashing a pane of glass across the street, and went to the window.

A close watch was kept on the store for some time, and on seeing the two men emerge carrying a lot of plunder Mrs. Milkstein secured a police whistle which she kept in the house, and blew several blasts which were heard at No. 3 police station nearby. Lieut. Bostwick and the two police rushed to the place and, after hearing Mrs. Milkstein's story started in pursuit of the men. The fresh fall of snow in the snow aided the police, and after following the tracks for some time they came upon Ruminsky at Twenty-seventh street and the Allegheny river. Corcoran took him to the police station while Nikirk and Bostwick went after the other man.

The tracks led the police to a house at Penn avenue and Twenty-fifth street, where they ended. Eheman was found hiding in the cellar with the goods taken from the store, which consisted of knives, forks and silverware, several manicure sets, two revolvers, some jewelry and a lot of merchandise. The broken window is valued at $100. Both men say they live in the house on Twenty-fifth street.

MONEY FOR MISSION.

Shadyside U. P. Congregation Contributes $500 at Night Services.

Over $500 was raised last evening at the Shadyside United Presbyterian church for the fund needed to build an extension to the Bloomfield mission. The work will require $4,000, of which about one-half has been raised. Bids have already been called for and the contract will likely be let before the remainder of the fund is secured.

The Sunday school of the Shadyside church yesterday morning also made a fair contribution, but for another object. It was the regular quarterly home mission contribution, which in this case amounted to $100.

The Bloomfield mission was formerly the Shadyside United Presbyterian church building, which was dismantled and moved to Ellis street. It is not large enough and an addition is to be built. The Rev. Dr. J. K. McClurkin said last evening that he expected no trouble in raising the full amount.

REUNION OF BIBLE CLASS

Sewickley Students Gathered at Annual Reunion in Y. M. C. A.

The annual reunion of John Way's Bible class of young men was held in the Young Men's Christian association rooms, Sewickley, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Milton S. Rees of Rochester, N. Y., and selections were sung by the Arion male quartet. This class was formed by Mr. Way in 1850 and was led by him each Sunday until his death, two years ago, since which time W. Kennedy Brown has acted as teacher. A large number attended the meeting yesterday.

Mr. Rees will be in Sewickley throughout this week holding meetings for men each evening and, assisted by his wife, will conduct women's meetings each afternoon in the Baptist church. Mr. Rees is the state specialist for the Methodist Episcopal church and filled the pulpit at the Sewickley Methodist Episcopal church last evening.

ST. LOUIS PRIEST TALKED.

Rousing Meeting of the Diocesan Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

A large meeting of the Diocesan Catholic Total Abstinence union was held yesterday at St. Patrick's church. The Rev. John G. Beane presided. Reports were made by the representatives of the societies which showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition and last being one of the most successful unions in the diocese. The Rev. Father Stephanis of Notre Dame university, St. Louis, gave a sketch of the total abstinence movement among the young seminarians and addresses were also made by the Rev. Father Heesan, the Rev. Father Bern, A. B. Floyd, Joseph A. Weldon, James Lundy, P. H. Thornton and John M. Tighe.

Fortune a Myth.

SHARON, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Instead of a rich estate awaiting her in Philadelphia, Mrs. Mary Robeson, an aged resident of this city, found that she was the owner of one little dwelling and her niece in possession of another. As the result of the sudden collapse of her supposed fortune, left by a deceased relative from whom she became dangerously ill and may not recover.

Republic Plant Resumes.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.) The Bessemer plant, Republic Iron & Steel Company, after an idleness of two weeks resumed operations tonight. Besides the plants which were closed down Thursday over Christmas all resumed tonight.

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Business coats for busy business women, rain or shine elegant garments, mostly kerseys, some lined and some not, some loose backs and some fitted backs. They were from ten to sixty-five dollars with all sorts of prices in between—in suit department. Reduced to..... Half-Price

Coats For Young Folks
Childrens Coats. Coats for children from 2 to 6 years in reds and blues that were from three to eight dollars on a table. Reduced to..... Half-Price

Coats for Girls. Coats for girls from 6 to 16 years in Kerseys in reds, tans, mix and oxfords that were from six fifty to sixteen dollars on other table. Reduced to..... Half-Price

Black Silk Grenadine
1000 Yards of Black Silk Grenadine goes on sale this morning for little enough. No better value anywhere at original price and full 45 inches wide. Regular 1.25 goods Monday and Tuesday at..... Half-Price

Colored Dress Goods
Broken Lines in voiles, etamines, twines and canvas weaves in most all the wanted shades. Worth 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 and on sale Monday and Tuesday for..... 75c

Broken Lines in Suitings. Tweeds, homespuns, panamas, flake and novelty suitings in the correct weight for the separate skirt and tailored suit. Worth 1.00 and 1.25 and on sale Monday and Tuesday at..... 63c

Satin Stripe Challies. Light and dark grounds with colored dots and floral designs. Regular 50 Cent Quality on sale Monday and Tuesday at..... 63c

Among the Bags
A rack of them out for easy choosing all sorts and kinds at all sorts of original prices..... Half-Price

Fancy Cushions
All Fancy Tapestry, Silk, Satin and Leather Cushions in the drapery department, fourth floor, some slightly soiled go at..... Half-Price

Wash Vestings and Waistings
Reduced From 30 Cents. Cotton waistings, three colors only, blue, tan and green, and only one piece of a color. Special to Close..... 15c

Reduced From 35 Cents. Printed Piques, white grounds with small printings in allover effects in all wanted shades. Monday and Tuesday only..... 18c

Reduced From 50 Cents. Mercerized waistings, full line of colors, tans, pinks, blues, reds and greens. They launder. Monday and Tuesday only..... 25c

Reduced From 1.00. Mercerized Vestings, some light with dark stripes, some dark with light stripes, fancy and plain weaves. Monday and Tuesday..... 50c

Half Price Curtains
One, two or three pair lots of Irish Pointe, Renaissance, Arabian or Ruffled Curtains—choice of any lot no matter value or price at..... Half-Price

Tapestry Portiers
Tapestry Portiers, reversible tapestry borders or mercerized, all odd pairs greatly reduced.

Silkaline
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Sateens and Cretonnes
French Sateens and Cretonnes, 36 inches wide, heavy qualities, yard..... 15c

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Art Tickings in stripes or conventional designs, 25 cent qualities, yard..... 18c

Stands and Tabourettes
Pyro-Etched Tabourettes, choice colorings, substantially made, reduced.
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Brisk selling among the furs for Christmas and fur weather on the heels of it and a cut among the coats and jackets that will keep things active.
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A Line of Umbrellas
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A line of up-to-date umbrellas—the aftermath of Christmas sales, 28 and 26 inch for men and women, highest grade silk, union tape edge, taffeta and serge covered.
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HANLON FINISHES TRAINING FOR GO WITH YOUNG CORBETT

SCHOOL SEVEN IS READY FOR TIGERS

Princeton Looks for Victory, but Feeling Is Not Shared by Captain Ahl.

RECORDS OF THE PLAYERS

For the second time in the history of the Interscholastic Hockey League of Pittsburgh a picked team from the organization will meet the representatives from Princeton university. The meeting takes place tonight at Duquesne Garden when the local preps, under the leadership of Charlie Ahl, the shadyside academy captain, will try to get back the hard-luck game of last year, which the Tigers captured by a 1 to 0 score.

Capt. Ahl is confident of victory and this same spirit prevades the camp of the school boys. The collegians, too, cannot understand how they can lose.

The Princeton players practiced yesterday morning at the garden, but the school team has not been together since Friday night, which was its first and only practice inasmuch as they are in good condition and familiar to the rink.

Capt. Ahl will not make a shift in the original line-up, except that there may be some substitutions in the second half. Bert Russell, of the Western Pennsylvania league, will referee the game. Clarence Overend, of last year's Shadyside academy team, but now at Cascidella school, will be a goal judge, chosen by the locals. Overend was elected captain of the Shadyside team, but resigned when he did not re-enter the academy last fall.

There was much sorrow expressed when the announcement was made that there would be no game with Yale this year. Yale has not played the Interscholastic for the past two years, the last game ending in a score of 2 to 0 in its favor.

After the game with Princeton interest will again center the regular championship series. Tonight's "Prep" game of the East Liberty academy seven is in anything but a pleasant humor after the beating administered by Shadyside last Saturday. Bunion thinks the team should have done better, and threatens a shakeup if not another game. That Saturday's defeat took East Liberty out of first place and Shadyside assumed the leadership of the procession. Shadyside and High school will meet the coming Saturday and Captain Campbell confidently predicts that Shadyside will be "un against it."

Charlie Ahl has the lead in the school league for shooting goals and Campbell holds the distinction in the Western Pennsylvania league. Ashley is a close second to Ahl, although Bryan, of East Liberty, looms up as a factor who is liable to forge to the front in any game. The game will line up as follows tonight:

Interscholastics.	Princeton.
Ahl, S. S.	Goal	Christ
Schenck, R. S.	Point	King
McCutcheon, S. S. A. C.	Point	Zahniser
Williams, S. E. A.	Cover	Furnell
Ahl, S. S.	Cover-point	Dalzell
Askin, M. H. A.	Left Wing	Lewis
Bryan, E. L. A.	Right Wing	Chew

Extra—Schollaster, Spuhler, High school; Bryan, Price, Shadyside; Mc-Cracken, East Liberty; Edwards, East Liberty.

The records follow:

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

	1st	2d	Extra	
	Half.	Half.	Halves.	
Ahl, Shadyside	2	2	0	4
Askin, East Liberty	2	0	1	3
E. Johns, High school	1	0	0	1
Bryan, East Liberty	1	0	0	1
Brown, High school	0	1	0	1
Kohne, Shadyside	0	1	0	1
McCutcheon, Shadyside	0	0	0	0

Shots at goal tenders—Carnahan, Shadyside 2; Edger, East Liberty, 1; Harper, High School, 3; Kohne, Shadyside, 1; Yohe, Shadyside, 0.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE.

Campbell	5	4
C. Sixsmith, Victorias	4	4
Robinson, P. A. C.	3	3
Wilson, P. A. C.	5	1
A. Sixsmith, Victorias	1	6
Drury, Victorias	4	3
Roberts, Victorias	3	4
Taylor, Keystone	2	2
Willett, Keystone	0	1
Bright, Keystone	0	1
W. Young, Monongahela	1	0
Field, Keystone	0	1
Orvall, Victorias	0	1
Pugmire, Bankers	0	0

Referees of decorators spent all day yesterday "fixing up" the garden. Princeton and Yale pennants fly from conspicuous places in and around the building. The stage is almost hidden in folds of black and orange on the east, and the blue and white on the other. Streamers also hang from the roof. Some of the boxes will also be decorated by the Tuesday and Wednesday night occupants. Altogether the garden presents a carnival appearance. Quite a number of parties of families of the local players have been formed for tonight, and indications are that a big crowd will be out.

LOCAL TALENT TO MEET.

Boxers Will Contest at Old City Hall Tomorrow Night.

The big show at Old City hall tomorrow night will take place, and the special wire will be put in today. When the big fight starts at Frisco every detail and blow will be flashed over the wire to the spectators just the same as if they were at the Friscio auditorium. Previous to this the athletic and vaudeville part of the program will be put on. The best talent available has been engaged, among them such well-known people as Jimmy Welsh, the 105-pound champion; Terry Manion of Soho, who will meet him; the Ward Twins of West End; the wrestling team of Lynch, Cook and Smith; a 150-pound wrestler; a bag-punching contest, open to all local talent is another feature; Tommy Dixon and Tommy Tumble will meet; Will Harry, Tommy Griswold, Charley Golden, Mickey Cunningham, McCune and Adelphi McGirtick and Corran, Paul Moore, Joe Alton and others will meet.

Jimmy Welsh, the 105-pound champion, will start in to get in shape for his coming 10-round fight at Windber, Pa., with "Young Phoenix." The exact date has not been selected yet, but will be announced in a few days.

Manchester and Butler Tonight.

The Manchester and Butler fives will come together tonight at Manchester for the first game of the season between the two teams. Following is the lineup:

Butler.	Manchester.
Turner	R. F.	Graham
Shafer	L. F.	Nicholas
McCafferty, McJunkin	C.	Seibel, Elliott or Metzkes
Campbell	R. G.	Hay, Wheeler
Young	L. G.	Burry

Referee—Tuthe.

The preliminary will be played by the Manchester Juniors and Butler Juniors, both of Lower Allegheny. Following is the lineup:

Manchester Jrs.	Fowler A. C.
Campbell, Bauer	R. F.	Young
O'Neil	L. F.	Watson
Young	C.	Heuring
Graham	R. G.	White
Allen	L. G.	Butler

Probable Rival to "Three Eye."

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The "Three-I" league may have a rival in the field next season, as the proposed Iowa league is assuming more definite form. A meeting of the cities interested is to be held in the near future, probably January 6, at Ottumwa, and it is hoped that Waterloo, Webster City, Marshalltown, Burlington, Keokuk, Muscatine, Boone, Fort Dodge, Moline, Galesburg, Kewanee and Monmouth, the latter four being in Illinois, will be given consideration in making up the circuit.

Eclipse Defeats Friendship Five.

The Friendship five of Allegheny was defeated by the Eclipse team of Carnegie, 12 to 6, Monday.

Friendship—6	Eclipse—12.
C. Irwin	Forward	Newell
Thomas	Forward	A. Smith
Hendrickson	Center	E. Smith
Irwin	Guard	G. Smith
G. Irwin	Guard	Casey

Field goals—G. Irwin 1, Thomas 2, A. Smith 3, G. Smith 2, Smith 2.

Huggins Brings Acefull Back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—John W. Huggins, trainer for the Whitney stable in England, arrived in this section on the Minneapolis from London. Huggins brought eight horses with him, among them being Acefull, who was taken from this country for the English derby, and Hungerford, one of Dwyer's crack horses.

TESSIE COST US THE CHAMPIONSHIP

So Opines One of the Faithful, Who Took in Series With Boston Americans.

DECLARES IT IS A HOODOO

He was one of the faithful. He "rooted" for the Pirates when they were fighting to keep out of last place years ago, and he continued to endanger his vocal organs when they had a chance for the world's championship with the Boston Americans. He met a friend, who was not inclined towards the national game, and this is the way he discussed a game played in the series at Exposition park:

"It was a hair-raising game. The sixth inning had been reached and not a run scored by either side. The pitching was as fine as the gossamer of morning, both twirlers showing extraordinary form. Excitement ran high in the vast audience, filling every seat and vantage point on the great field. This despite the fact that the home team had already won three of the four games played for the world's championship. Two more victories would clinch the crown coveted by both teams.

"The visiting club was at bat. Two hands were out and a weak hitter at the plate. The nervous ones in the local camp were breathing freely and the rings of tobacco smoke floating over the bleachers mingled with bursts of confident assertion, and offer of better odds on the popular champions.

"'One strike!' then 'two strikes' were called on the anxious batter.

"'Old Bill' in the points smiled grimly. Things were coming easy. With a look around to see that his henchmen were all in place, he sent in the direction of the batsman one of his most puzzling twisters.

"The ball cut a series of extraordinary figures in the atmosphere as it floated up to the batsman, who, hardly knowing where it was coming, blindly put out with the stick hoping for little more than that it would avoid a strikeout. As if the devil was in the bat, it found the ball, but scarcely more than stopped it in its course.

"'But it was enough!'

"Up into the cerulean sailed the sphere—not high, not far—but just high enough and far enough to start three great baseball stars after it, a shortstop, a left fielder and a third baseman. It looked easy and was easy for either one of the wondrous trio.

"But neither one got it.

"The foremost shortstop of the world nearly prevented the left fielder from getting it, while the third baseman looked helplessly on. The three glared at the ball lying on the ground, while the batsman at first base danced with delight.

"At this moment the band, hired by the invading club and their friends, struck up a sprightly little tune—a strange thing to most of the audience. Somehow it gave life to the victors and seemingly had the opposite effect on the home team. 'Big Bill,' the pitcher, third baseman looked the home plate, and the next batsman walked. Again came that sprightly little tune, the musicians not having time between plays to change their score. The next batter up sent an easy one into the infield which the pitcher, when he recovered, threw wild to the grandstand in an effort to catch the first runner at third base. It would have been a great play if he had got away with it.

"'Beat to death!'

"Instead, three runners moved swiftly around the bases, while the visiting partisans went wild in the left wing of the grandstand. Above all rose the strains of that catchy little air by the band.

"'What is that it—d thing they are playing?' grumbled a fellow in the grandstand.

"'I dunno,' answered a companion in the same way.

"'I like it,' said a chic young lady nearby, who really did not know which team was winning.

"'It's a hoodoo whatever it is,' growled the first speaker.

"Thereafter the visitor's band played nothing else but that catchy refrain. Then in support of the band would not let the musicians play anything else. Soon voices joined in the chorus and something about 'Tessie' could be distinguished in the general confusion.

"The visiting team won that game easily. And the next one, and the next, and finally won the world's championship, while the band played on the strange but tuneful little air. The home team, champions though they were, could do nothing while the band and singers shouted 'Tessie' melody, and not a man among the home players, or the many thousands of their friends, believe otherwise than that the 'Tessie' song cost the Pittsburgh baseball team the world's championship."

PROBABLE WINNERS ON THREE TRACKS

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Chicago Examiner's selections for tomorrow are as follows:

Ingleside.—

First race—Cardwellton, Hungarian, Freestone.

Second race—The Mighty, The Cure, Telephone.

Third race—Fort Wayne, Matt Hogan, Aunt Polly.

Fourth race—El Chihuahua, Position, J. O. T.

Fifth race—Pierce J., Jane Holly, Redwald.

Sixth race—Jockey Club, Forest King, Meehanus.

Ascot Park.—

First race—Windfrieda, Noko, Brick Fowler.

Second race—Quest, Fontanta, Wm. Parrish.

Third race—Moore, Ertie, Martin Brady.

Fourth race—Haviland, Fortunatus, Glenrice.

Fifth race—Sallie Goodwin, Skirmish, Red Damsel.

Sixth race—Silver Fizz, James J. Corbett, San Lurlon.

New Orleans.—

First race—Doolie, Second Sight, Trossches.

Second race—Sabot, Tribes Hill, Floyd K.

Third race—Short Cake, Tower, Established.

Fourth race—Dan McKenna, Cardinal Wolsey, Ethics.

Fifth race—Burning Glass, Mamselle, Pepper.

Sixth race—Charlie Thompson, Saddoces, Ivernia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The American and Journal New Orleans selections: Best bets—Tribes Hill, Mamselle and Saddoces, all for place.

First race—Doolie, Second Sight.

Second race—Sabot, Tribes Hill.

Third race—Floyd K., Tower.

Fourth race—Dan McKenna, Cardinal Wolsey.

Fifth race—Burning Glass, Mamselle.

Sixth race—Charley Thompson, Saddoces.

LESSENS BATTING.

President Johnson Produces Figures in Support of His Pet Claim.

That the American league has good evidence to prove its contention that the foul strike rule is a hindrance to batting is certain. Robert McRoy, secretary to President Ban Johnson, Saturday in Chicago treated a complete summary of the official batting records in the American league during the seasons of 1902 and 1903, and the comparison shows conclusively that last year under the foul strike rule batting was done than in the year previous when the old rule was used. The figures are:

	1902.	1903.	Gain for 1903.
Shutout games	50	98	48
1 to 0 games	8	24	16
2 to 1 games	22	28	6
			Loss for 1903.
Total runs scored	5,819	4,595	794
Total hits made	10,356	9,584	772
"Stuff" batters	20	13	7
Total stolen bases	1,518	1,224	294
Hits for total bases	3,668	3,257	411

Moore Coaching Greenville H. S.

GREENVILLE, PA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—McCormick Moore, captain of the Westminster college basketball team, is here coaching the local high school team and expects to develop a strong five. Dates have been secured with the Pittsburgh High school, Shadyside academy, Mercer academy, Edinboro Normal school, Slippery Rock High school, Point club, Franklin, and Oil City teams. Games are booked with the Allegheny, Washington and Greensburg high school teams.

"LEFTY" M'ILVEEN,
The Pittsburgh Pitcher Who Will Be With Williamsport Next Summer.

M'ILVAINE SIGNS WITH THE WILLIAMSPORT CLUB

Pittsburgh Southpaw Pitcher Gets Engagement for Next Summer.

"Lefty" McIlvaine, the local southpaw pitcher, now a student at State college, has signed to pitch for the Williamsport club next season. McIlvaine made his debut into fast company last summer, pitching for strong independent clubs in the eastern part of the state. He played on the State nine last spring and on the football eleven last fall.

Williamsport has also signed Edgar Maitland, left fielder of last year's team and Harry Cooke, pitcher of last year's Brandywine team.

William Patterson and Jack Raley, the battery from Bloomington, Md., which performed last season at Homestead, is much in demand. Patterson, who is a promising right-handed pitcher, is wanted by the Natchez club in the Cotton Belt league. Independent clubs also seek his services. Raley is a big catcher who can take his turn on first base. He bats left-handed and is somewhat of a sticker.

Hugh Tate, left fielder, and Tom Cosgrove, second baseman, of the Homestead team, are spending the winter at Bloomington, Md., where a colony of independent players live. Charlie Crow of the Niles, O., team is visiting with Tate, but he will stay with Homestead and Cosgrove cannot be induced to give up the steel town for the Western league, Denver and Des Moines wanting him.

The members of the Tri-State Managers' association have refused the application of Lancaster and Lindner of Carlisle.

They take the ground that the schedule of baseball games for the Farnsworth cup would be too much for Lancaster with the two additional clubs, since under this agreement each team must play the others 14 games.

NO COLLEGE LEAGUE.

Western Universities Will Act Independently in Arranging Baseball Games.

There will be no regular intercollegiate baseball league in the west this year. The five clubs organized for last year, composed of Illinois, Chicago, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin, while it succeeded in giving the championship to Illinois, did not work as harmoniously as was expected in some respects.

Pitcher Rube Kissinger of the Detroit club has entered Michigan university and will help in the coaching of the nine there the coming spring. Kissinger is taking civil engineering.

That Chicago will again journey to West Point for a game and that Michigan and Minnesota will meet for at least another year are the western football games settled for next fall.

A polo team will probably be organized at Perdue university after the holiday vacation.

Notre Dame has entered its speedy relay team in the Georgetown indoor meet to be held February 20. If Cornell and Pennsylvania enters Wisconsin will send men.

SIGNED "BATCH" MARTHENS.

Will Play Guard for Fast Liberty Against South Side Five.

What promises to be the fastest and greatest basketball game ever played in East Liberty will take place Tuesday night when D. C. & A. C. and South Side come together. Duquesne is determined to break South Side's winning streak and has signed "Batch" Marthens, one of the best guards in the country. Marthens has been playing in the National league in the east and is in first-class shape. He will probably line up against Liebou.

Campbell, Brown and Turner are in excellent shape and they will certainly make it warm for their opponents. Leslie Orr and Burke will complete the line-up, though Harry McCheser may get a chance to line up against Whidekuecht. The hall is in fine shape and arrangements have been made to seat 600 people.

SCHOOL SKATING RACES.

Will Be Decided New Year's Day at the Colosseum.

The Colosseum skating rink manager will offer prizes for a series of skating races open to the schools of the two cities, to be decided at the Colosseum outdoor rink next Friday. The races will be classified as follows:

First—All-interscholastics, open to all local preparatory and high schools.

Second—City High schools, open to all pupils of Allegheny and Pittsburgh High schools.

Third—Intercity public schools, open to all ward school pupils with age limit of 16 years.

Each of the above events will be one mile.

Fourth—Intercity public schools, open to all pupils of the public schools, age limit, 12 years. One-half mile event.

Date Decided for Auto Race.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The automobile races for the James Gordon Bennett cup will take place June 17, 1904, as definitely decided today.

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PHIL LEWIS,
The Cornell shortstop who will not play professional ball. He is a former Pittsburgh High school player.

HARRY TATE HAS A FINE AVERAGE

New Homestead Player Ranks Ninth Among Heavy Hitters in the Central League.

OTHER LOCALS' AVERAGES

The announcement of the Central league averages shows that Manager Howard Risher secured one of the hardest hitters in that organization for his Homestead team. Tate began the 1903 season in Harry Tate, who was with the Dayton club. Tate walloped the ball for an average of .307, making him ninth in the list of hitters in the league.

Bonner, of Scranton, led the league, with the mark of .329. Ed Curtis of Wheeling, who was tried by Pittsburgh last fall, hit at .309.

Tate's batting and fielding averages follow:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	59	140	26	43	.307
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	59	129	14	13	.972

Pitcher "Soldier" Mollin, also of Pittsburgh, who was with Dayton, had a batting percentage of but .141. His record:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	56	113	14	16	.141
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	36	27	62	5	.946

"Bonny" Shriver, the old Waynesburg college and Homestead favorite, who went from West Virginia university last summer to Wheeling, had these averages:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	93	329	49	109	.331
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	93	826	24	9	.986

Charlie Parkins, the Belle Vernon pitcher, who was with Evansville the greater part of the campaign, has these figures:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	16	51	6	7	.323
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	16	30	9	6	.875

Catcher Tom McKinley of Belle Vernon, who managed Evansville the latter part of the season, hit at .247, a low figure for him. His figures:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	87	186	21	46	.247
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	87	295	67	10	.962

Charlie Kuhn, another Belle Vernon player, was with Evansville and Terre Haute, playing short stop. He had these figures on the official books:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	126	383	61	100	.261
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	87	114	134	39	.870

Pitcher Bennett of Franklin, who was with Dayton and was recently signed by one of the best in the league, shows the following:

Batting	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	Pct.
	35	115	13	22	.191
Fielding	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
	35	42	81	5	.961

Greensburg, Too, Thinks of Team.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Although it has not taken definite shape a movement has been inaugurated in Greensburg for the revival of the old Greensburg baseball team. Greensburg has not supported a nine since 1898, when the team won the semi-professional championship of Western Pennsylvania and of its players five graduated into Pirate leagues. Patsy Flaherty, Jack Hafford and O'Hara. Since the organization of the nines at Homestead, Altoona, Johnstown, Washington and Waynesburg, local enthusiasts believe that baseball can again be placed on a paying basis.

FIRE AND ENERGY FEATURES OF HANLON'S FINAL WORK

"Native Son" Shows Much Speed and Is Confident. Young Corbett, Looking Well, Takes Light Exercise and a Stroll.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Out at Crolls Gardens, in Alameda, Eddie Hanlon put in his last day of gymnasium work with more than usual fire and energy. As one of the onlookers expressed it as he watched the little fellow's shadow fighting, "Fiddle seemed to be troubled with speed."

After this until the final night, it will be complete rest for the little fighter with occasional roadwork for variety's sake. The boy rose almost with the sun today and took a five-mile stroll up the road with Harry Foley. His breakfast of eggs and chops with a cup of tea indicates what a strict diet Hanlon is observing, and chicken for lunch with steak for dinner touch the limit of what he is allowed.

Rising fresh and rosy, from an afternoon nap, Eddie slipped through the 5 o'clock crowds and took a stiff turn at punching the bag. Shadow fighting and rope-skipping finished the day's work.

"How do you thing I look?" asked the little fighter.

"I feel as fit as a fiddle. Well, I cannot say that I have any particular knockout blow in sight. I punch a little harder at the body, that's all. If the other fellow wins, he's the best man.

Over at Ocean Beach, Sunday passed quietly for Corbett also. In the morning, light work with the apparatus was in order, but during the afternoon the champion strolled about through the crowds which lined the beach and filled the tavern.

As he passed by with Tim McGrath, dropping a cheerful word here or there, the smooth skin and the free play of the muscles showed a condition top-notching perfection. Though chunky, the surplus flesh against which he is supposed to struggle did not appear.

"I have been questioned as to my favorite knockout blow and as to what particular punch I intend to use when I meet Hanlon," said Corbett. "All that I can say is that I will use whatever blow seems best under the circumstances. The whole question is to use the right blow at the right time. Almost any blow will knock a man out if it is delivered when it should be and to the right spot. A left hook or a right swing may turn the trick but no one can say in advance how he will win a fight. You can't have preference in a contest. Victory depends on how you take advantage of your opportunity."

SPORT ABOVE AVERAGE.

Turfmen, However, at New Orleans Do Not Like Work of Starter Fitzgerald.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The racing during the past week on the Fair grounds can be said to have been above the average, but a few unpleasant incidents, combined with Starter Fitzgerald's miserable work with the flag, have thrown the sport proper into the background.

Yesterday's betting affair in the third race, yesterday still the topic of discussion wherever horsemen congregate, and 50 out of every 100 who vouchsafe an opinion are convinced that the judges placed the wrong horse first. Heretofore I have been the lonely one to point out that only the judges are in a position to declare the winner of a closely-contested finish, and, with the sensible portion of the race-going public, I am willing that the decision stood, but in the Tioga-Josette finish the two horses were lapped on one another, and too close together to let the old "angle" enter into the argument.

All in all, while the sport has been good and will continue to be so long as the fields sent to the post are the class they have been, the dissatisfaction over the decisions of the past few days will tend to dampen the enthusiasm that is naturally expected from a race-going public.

Allegheny Lyceum's Schedule.

The Allegheny Lyceum basketball team has a hard week ahead, as it plays the Manchester team Tuesday evening at Lyceum hall and on New Year's evening it will have as opponents the Pittsburgh five. There will be preliminaries by the junior teams both evenings.

SEE GOOD TIMES AHEAD.

Pottsville Business Men Rejoice Over Re-establishment of Convention Plan.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Hotel and restaurant keepers are rejoicing over the re-establishment by the county Democrats yesterday of the old-style Democratic conventions. Before the Crawford county system was in vogue every Democratic convention brought between $8,000 and $10,000 into the coffers of the local business men, the money being spent by candidates and their friends treating and entertaining the delegates. When the people were given a chance to vote directly for the county candidates, no money was spent on the delegates, to the great loss of county seat hotel men.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

YOUNGSTOWN—Notices, it is said, will be posted at the Ohio plant of the Carnegie Steel Company today, announcing that men there will be a 10 per cent reduction in wages, to take effect on January 1.

YOUNGSTOWN—John R. Ross, who was struck by an Erie engine Wednesday evening, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Deceased left a wife and child.

GREENSBURG—Jacob Clewell, 61 years old, who lived in Hempfield township, near Adamsburg, drank a quantity of wood alcohol Saturday night, dying almost instantly.

MORNING—Captain R. Brown of Wilkinsburg, adjoining this place, is seriously ill. He was one of the first superintendents of the Allegheny Valley railroad.

ALLIANCE—Arnold Kleining, aged 50 years, was found dead along the railroad track south of this city yesterday morning. His head was completely severed from the body.

TORONTO, O.—Samuel Stilwell, a civil war veteran of this place, attempted suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a penknife. He was caught before he succeeded.

"PITTSBURGH PHIL" LEAVES

Goes Back to New York—He Is Grieved Because of Suspension from Jockey Club.

George E. Smith, "Pittsburgh Phil," who had been visiting his mother in Allegheny, left last night for New York. Smith said there was nothing new in the way of news relative to his trouble with the Jockey club.

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FAREWELL LOOK AT THE OLD YEAR

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Surveys Events and Shows the Effects of Memory.

TIME TO REVIEW THE PAST

The Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, preached yesterday morning at the Alvin theater on "The Close of the Year." His text, "Old things are passed away—behold, all things are of God," was from II. Corinthians, iv.17-18. The sermon in part was as follows:

When at the close of the year men gather together the results of another period of struggle, toil and effort; there is always an hour for congratulation, consternation. When men survey the events of their life, the predomination of chances or failure, joy or sorrow, good or evil, brings the same hour.

In these days man's memory plays an important part. Now it is an artist and paints that scene; now it is a narrator and whispers rapidly old words; now it is a guide, and leads us to an eminence where we can see the past as far as mind's eye will reach. Days of life, every meeting of life, every face we have seen, every decision we have made. It is also true that those past scenes are rendered with a minor light at the close of the year. The high noon has passed and all the review is had in the last hours of the dying day, and while things are not so distinct, they are infinitely more precious, more full of sympathy, and more beautiful as they depart.

Our thoughts are scrutinized as we review the year. How much has happened to us! Each day and hour has had its meaning. The numerous which have massed across our vision have left their sediment and their impression. The books we have read, the thoughts and conversations and acts have all left their mark for good or evil, for God or self.

Then is the last Sunday of the year. The days have come swiftly for many and we are on the end before we know it. I do not desire to thrust anything depressing, for our hearts are already full enough, but there may be some things which we all must realize, and they are full of joy or sorrow in relation to whatever light we view them in. Many a scene of sadness is ended. At twilight a river moves dumbly, silently, sadly; the mountain is calm and cold. But at noon the river dances and sparkles and the mountain is the embodiment of power. Now different days may appear in the light. So in life, the right light is needed.

First—The year then that has gone, has been a sowing time for everybody. The infinite law of nature concerning sowing and reaping is evidenced in every life. Every act done, word spoken, every thought in the mind is a deed which brings forth fruit in character and circumstances. Therefore, as we review the year, we count the kind deeds, kind words, unselfish actions, self-sacrifice, loving help and kindly sympathy which will some day bloom with celestial beauty and fragrance. He Who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." And there has also been the sowing of bitter deeds, blasphemy, forgetfulness of God, dishonoring parents, malicious conscience. These, too, must under this law bear fruit like the seed. You may not have tried to make God angry, to unite yourself, but the fruit will be here. You may not consciously have sown good seed, and the harvest will be a surprise, but it will surely come.

Second—The year has been a reaping time. The law which we suppose to exist in this year are subject to the law of sowing and reaping. A success, a friend made, a reward gained, sprung from a deed done in pain. All these are the results of the harvest law in the lives of men.

Third—This has also been a year of testing. In every great, trying periods of the modern time are tested before they are put into the vessels; and every man is tested every year as to the stability of his character, the strength of his faith, the soundness of his judgment, the genuineness of his faith. Prosperity tests a man. He gains everything. God gratifies his every need, and then watches the result. If his life is humble, earnest, generous, he has stood the test. If he is proud, mean, stingy, selfish, he has failed.

Popularity, sickness, sorrow, reverse of fortune. These are the tests which make a man great.

If we let our thoughts go, then these questions must arise. Have I used my opportunities this year? Has my life developed? Has my character grown? Have I closed the doors of the year without Christ being a real vital power in my life?

Now all life depends, as we have seen, on the great principle which we know the year by this, "All things are of God."

All prosperity is a test. All events are opportunities. All trials are His voice, all temptations are His call. Let us accept it as such. It will be good for us if in all life events we see God's will and above all life's tumults and strife we can hear His voice, and in all its darkness we can see His light.

PASTOR RUSSELL ON THE NEW YEAR

Interesting Subject Discussed in the Allegheny Bible House Chapel.

APOSTLE PAUL'S EXHORTATION

Pastor C. T. Russell of the Bible House chapel, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon spoke on "A Text for the New Year." The series of discourses at Carnegie music hall, Allegheny, on "Prophetic Times—Proofs that the Dawn of the Millennium Is Nigh" will begin next Sunday, so it was decided to have one New Year's text yesterday. Mr. Russell said in part:

I choose for my text the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi—appropriate for the occasion. I suggest that we each make it our year-text, and trust that our minds continually reclining to it may be profited, strengthened and assisted in the right ways of the Lord. This is our hope and prayer.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are reputable, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."—Phil. iv.:8.

Few seem to realize the power of the mind—the power of thought as an element in the formation of character. "As a man thinketh so is he." How important, then, it is that we should think properly—that our minds should be daily directed. The Scriptures assure us, and the experience of the noblest people of the world convince us, that we have all so inherited degeneracy, from our father Adam, that there is none righteous, no not one, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. This degeneracy affects us physically—we are all dying race suffer our Father's sentence, "Dying thou shalt die." And this dying affects us not only physically but mentally and morally. We are prone to sin as the sparks to fly upward. The taint is in us from our birth, for were we not "born in sin and shapen in iniquity."

No General Rule Applies.

There are various methods of appealing to humanity, the success of each varying with the individual. Some need imprisonment and "stripes," others can be governed by milder methods, by appeal to their reason, by appeal to the better elements of their natures, even though tainted or tarnished through original sin. Both these methods of appeal are recognized in the world today. Pulpits and newspapers are appealing to the minds of men with more or less propriety and with more or less success. Statutes and courts, both civil and ecclesiastical, are appealing to the minds of men by penal institutions—reformatories, jails, penitentiaries, etc. So it is with the divine government. Nature has some, general laws by which she appeals to the senses of mankind is dominated—laws of retribution, by which every virtue brings a certain degree of reward, satisfaction and peace, and every crime brings a certain measure of chastisement, pain, trouble and unrest.

Nevertheless, the course of nature is so disordered in the present time by the prevalence of sin and its penalty and the operation of the "times of the Gentiles" that we cannot say that the laws of nature are at the present time absolutely just as respects each individual, whatever we may say of their general justice in the world's affairs. Hence, as the Scriptures declare, some men's sins go before to judgment and some they follow after.

In the coming millennial age, when Christ's kingdom shall administer justice amongst men, the rewards and punishments will be equitable. No longer will the child suffer for the sins of the parents. No longer will the righteous suffer, but only the evil-doers, for thus it is written. (Jer. xxxi.:29; Psa. lxxii.:7.) In that blessed time, the Lord will use both methods of appealing to the world, of impressing with power the hearts and consciences of mankind will be supplemented by stripes, judgments, chastisements upon every soul of man that doeth evil. We can see reasons, comparatively, why the appeal of the evangelist who follows the scriptural pattern is an appeal to the heads and the hearts of the people who have the ears to hear. He is not privileged to meet out stripes or other judgments or corrections to those who disregard his message. Those who have the ears, and who receive the word with gladness, get a great blessing—and that in proportion as they permit it into good and honest and obedient hearts. Those who do not hear at all, whose hearts are not in the condition to respond to the gospel message, suffer a loss—a loss of the joy and peace and blessing and "comfort of the Scriptures" which the believers enjoy.

By the Foolishness of Preaching.

Not only does the Lord begin the work of grace among his people with the above described messages of pleading forgiveness and peace through Jesus, but, to those who do receive the message and who are exercised by it, he continues the same process of dealing—still appealing to their hearts, heads and consciences. This is what the apostle means when he says, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I. Cor. i.:21.)

To the world this method of appealing merely to the heads and hearts seems like a weak and unsatisfactory method of dealing. Hence it becomes necessary to resort to force, and wonders that the Almighty does not resort to force to compel obedience to His laws, rather than merely to exhort obedience in this way. We just seen that in the millennial age the Lord will use both methods, and the question properly arises, Why does he not use both methods of appealing to mankind in the present time—first appeal through the intellect and heart, and second appeal through force?

We answer that the reason lies in the fact that God is now selecting a peculiar class—to use scriptural terms, he is now electing "a peculiar people." The class he is now seeking needs no stripes or punishments to constrain their obedience. They are constrained by love—love for God, love for the Redeemer, love for the principles of righteousness and a sympathetic love for the whole world of mankind, even their enemies.

If force were introduced in the present time it would be a hindrance to the development of this particular class which the Lord is now seeking, each of whom must be in heart, in intention (not in flesh) a copy of God's dear Son. Those who require stripes, punishments, etc., to enforce obedience to the divine requirements cannot be of the "very elect" whose disposition of heart is represented by the words of our Lord expressed through the prophet "I delight to do thy will, O my God, thy law is written in my heart."—Psa. xl.:8.

How God Works in Us to Do His Will.

It is in harmony with this thought, that God is now operating in the church along the lines of appeal to our sentiments and not along the lines of force. Paul says to the saints: "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." God works in this class through the intellect and heart. He makes known to them the riches of his grace—opens it by little as they are able to appreciate and willing to respond.

The first effect of this upon the proper heart is to inflict a responsive sentiment, expressed by the apostle thus, "The love of Christ constraineth us: for we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that we who live should henceforth live not to ourselves, but to him who died for us." (II. Cor. v.:14.) The class represented in this text have experienced the truth working in them as the power of God up to the point of willing—willing to do the Lord's will, willing to renounce self, willing to follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, willing to be copies of God's dear Son. The power of God continues to operate in such and unfolds to them more and more of the lengths and breadths and heights and depths of the love of God which passeth knowledge, until finally they are impressed to these in the succeeding great and precious promises" of the divine word.

These promises operate upon the heart and mind and bring forth obedience, self-denial, self-sacrifice—even unto death. Thus they are thus rightly exercised by divine grace and truth who may now hope to attain to all the great and wonderful things which God hath in reservation for them that love him.

Not only does God thus appeal to our minds, our thoughts, our reasoning faculties, with His explanation of right and wrong, truth and untruth, righteousness and sin, and promises of His continued favor unto life eternal or for the disobedient His disfavor unto cutting off from life in the second death, but He urges upon us co-operation with Him along the same lines—that we take hold of our minds, our thoughts and shape them into conformity with the divine mind, with the divine will.

This is the signification of our text. On the principle that every thought has its influence upon our words and conduct, the apostle urges that our thoughts be the special objects of our solicitude, care, watchfulness. Another apostle expresses the same sentiment in different language saying, "Out of the abundance of the heart (mind) the mouth speaketh." And out of the heart (mind) proceedeth envies, malice, strife, slander, contrariwise kindness, gentleness, goodness, love.

Importance of a Right Heart

It is all important, then, that we have right hearts; for a right heart cannot send forth sweet waters neither can a heart that is in the bitterness of sin send forth blessing to those in contact with it. We admit that a certain amount of refinement and culture belonging to the children of God may be copied by the unregenerate; but it has no depth. It fails easily. It quickly discloses the real bitterness, selfishness and acrimony of the natural heart which underlies.

In the present time, therefore, the Lord does not appeal to these bitter hearts to send forth sweet waters. The appeals of the scriptures are to the regenerated hearts of consecrated believers, addressed in all the epistles as "saints," "children of God," "the sanctified in Christ Jesus," "God's beloved," etc. These having new hearts, new wills, sanctified or set apart to the Lord, to righteousness, to truth, to goodness, need nevertheless to keep watch over their every deed, word and thought.

Our text is addressed to this class. It is well that we should scan our outward conduct to take note that our good intentions may not be so exhibited to others that they will misapprehend our real sentiments—"Let not your good be evil spoken of." It is right, too, that we should "set a guard upon our mouth lest we should sin with our lips," and that our words be such as would not be honoring to the Lord or edifying to the brethren or to the world. But the number of watchmen or pickets during any day cannot be sufficient for our actions and words will be fewer in proportion as the picket line guarding our minds, our thoughts, is a strong one. It is here that we need to be specially on the alert.

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." This general truth is particularly exemplified in the regenerate, who are more open in their counsel *proportionately*, proportionately, than others. Having the right sentiments at heart they are less on their guard in respect to their manner of expression perhaps than previously; but all the more they need to remember the words of the apostle "If any man sin not with his lips, the same is a perfect man." (Jas. iii.:2.)

Likelihood of Error.

The inference is that even the most advanced of the Lord's people are liable at times to err with their lips. Hence the appropriateness, to all of the Lord's people, of the prayer, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."—Psa. xix.:14.

Before coming particularly to the items of our text let us briefly glance at the preceding context, for we notice that the apostle introduces the text with the word "finally." What comes before finally? Let us see. His words are, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice." Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand; be not worried about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds (thoughts) in Christ Jesus."

What a wonderful exhortation this is! Those of us who are able to do so will do well to take the entire four verses from our scripture-text for the new year. The Christian is not to be careful and anxious in these days. He is a true Christian and indeed a true child of Israel who can rejoice. True, as the apostle elsewhere remarks, through manifold trials, discouragements, vexatiousness etc., there may be moments of infirmity and depression, but these are only like the sun-showers of the summer time to the true followers of the Lord, instructed through the Word, the light of the Lord's countenance shines through all such clouds and troubles, to bring high joy and peace and rejoicing.

Forgetting the Things Behind.

At the present time, at the close of the old year and the dawning of a new one, it is especially appropriate that the Lord's people should clearly apprehend the great lesson which the apostle is here inculcating and which he also taught in another book saying, "Forget the things which are behind, and press forward to things which are before." In the year that is past every enlightened and properminded child of God will discern both his weakness and success, defeats and victories. We know this because "There is none righteous, no not one," none that come fully up to the mark of perfection and completeness.

Hence all may look back and find in the year that is closing sources of regret as well as sources of joy and rejoicing. Are we to grieve over the failures of the past? Is this the will of the Lord concerning us—that we should stop, because we find that we have not been able to walk perfectly in every particular—not even perfectly up to our highest standards? Nay, verily! With the apostle we exclaim, "Let us go on to perfection."

Perfection is not a thing of the past, but of the future. We are not to look back over the past but we "shall be satisfied when we awake in His likeness," awakens in the glorious first resurrection. For this we are pressing now, forgetting the things that are behind.

We forget the things that are behind, because it is right that we should do so. Because God forgets them, and declares that He will remember our sins no more behind His back; that our imperfections are all covered from His sight, by the merit of Him who loved us and who died for us, and whom we love, and in whom we are trusting, and whose robe we are seeking to walk with more or less of imperfection according to the defects we have inherited in the flesh. We are not meaning to suggest that slips or failures should be lightly esteemed or quickly forgotten; they should be rectified to the extent of our ability and Divine forgiveness should be sought for these defects daily.

It is for this very purpose that the Lord has provided access to the "throne of heavenly grace, where we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need." This will mean that it is not the Lord's will respecting us that, having corrected errors to the best of our ability, and having appealed for divine forgiveness, we should grieve over things of the Lord and accept His forgiveness and start afresh with rejoicing with each new day—and now, as we hear it, start afresh for the new year, 1904.

Cultivation of Gentleness.

"Gentleness," the forebearance of moderation, mentioned in the context is to be cultivated by each of us to such an extent that with our every manifested act, positive and to the brethren, but to others. This may not mean the same amount of gentleness in each of the Lord's people, because the measure of the new mind is in earthen vessels, in every instance; and the possibilities for one may exceed the abilities of another. But, in any event, this quality of gentleness (moderation or forbearance) should be increasingly an outward manifestation in the character of each one developing in us richly and abounding, so that those who have known us in the past will at least be able year by year to see us progress, development, growth.

We have already referred to the necessity for prayer, supplication, mentioned by the apostle. We now observe that those who are dwelling in close fellowship with the Lord will be of appreciative of the favors and blessings already enjoyed that they will not feel like asking for greater blessings, but rather like giving thanks with a realization that they have only received such as they deserved at the Lord's hands, but more than they could have asked or thought. And what has already been received is only a foretaste of the promised blessings to come.

Our requests should be, increasingly, for grace and wisdom and the fruits of the spirit and opportunities for serving the Lord and the brethren, and everything more and more in line with the likeness of God's dear Son.

Under these conditions who can doubt that the promised "peace of God beyond all understanding" would "guard our hearts" and their "thoughts." This peace would of itself dispel one of the great evils that afflict the hearts of many. Selfishness and ambition would find little room in the heart filled with this attitude. God's peace, and not merely the peace of the world, would reign in such a heart, controlling ambitions and energies. "Divine peace can dwell in the soul only as the mind is stayed on God in full trust." Under such conditions, when we are surrounded by these disadvantageous conditions—even when the adversary himself is besetting us through deceived agents.

Emptied of Old; Filled With New.

Then comes our text, suggesting that, with this peace reigning in our hearts, we should guard over our thoughts, so that they are spared from many of the intrusions of the world, the flesh and the devil, who would use to fill our minds if we did not carefully watch and keep empty of evil, but should give our thoughts food even as we provide sustenance for our bodies. We should see that their exercise is in a proper direction to produce proper and helpful conditions.

We all know how easy it is to allow the old natural mind to assert itself, to allow envy, gossip, backbiting, malice, strife, pride, vainglory, to enter our minds and to occupy time and attention. We all know that these need to be continually expelled; but we do not know how necessary it is that, while expelling these, we invite into our minds proper thoughts that will fill them and thus effectually bar the way and hinder the coming again of evil thoughts.

It is along this line that the apostle exhorts, and that we believe it will be profitable for us all to specially exercise our attention during the year just at hand. While thanking God for the forgiveness of sins and for the new mercies which are ours each morning, we may ask His grace, let us keep guard over our thoughts—let us exercise them upon the lines the apostle lays down in this text.

"Whatsoever things are true." The Lord's people are to be so in accord with righteousness that everything that is false or unjust or untrue in word, thought or act will be distasteful to them—seem very ugly. Truthfulness, then, must be the first test to apply to any matter that will be accepted by our minds. It is not for us to waste our time and attention "chasing imaginary butterflies," fictions, novels, etc. First of all, we want to know, is it true? While this truth will apply in a general way to everything in life, and to everybody, and perhaps to have for the right and the true, and in short opposition to all that is antagonistic, yet the principle is specially applicable to the affairs of the new creation and to their spiritual food.

In respect to the latter, our first inquiry should be, is this the truth or is it to any extent contaminated with traditions of men, calculated to "make void the Word of God?" as our dear Redeemer expressed it. "The prophet (teacher, speaking of God, "speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort." It is remarkable how many people would shun to tell an open falsehood, who nevertheless appear not to have a heart-love for the truth, a love for the truth wherever we may find it, and at any cost. Let us take time to "prove" everything we receive as truth.

What We Should Try to Avoid.

"Whatsoever things are honorable." This is a second test of what our thoughts should be permitted to rest upon. We cannot avoid the intrusion of thoughts which our judgment would disapprove, but we must scrutinize and test our thoughts, as they present themselves, and must refuse to entertain or harbor those which are ignoble, dishonorable or unbecoming to the new creature, especially as members of the new creation, "the body of Christ." Many things may be true which are not honorable, and many truthfulness, especially to the brethren, might injure our influence if they will not stand this second test.

"Whatsoever things are just," or equitable. This is the third test which the apostle suggests should be applied to any suggestions made to our minds from any quarter. Things might be true and might be honorable so far as the principles were concerned, and yet not be just or equitable to others, and we might readily question if any honorable exploit of some friends we might know it to be true, and yet it might subject against some one else, or wrongfully, unjustly impugn their motives, the thought must not be entertained, and must be repelled.

"Whatsoever things are pure." This is the fourth test which the apostle urges us to apply to our thoughts. We are to keep them pure from any question. Many things are true, just and perhaps not dishonorable that are not pure—calculated to awaken improper desires. Such things are strictly barred according to this fourth rule.

"Whatsoever things are lovely." This is the fifth test. Amongst true, honorable, just, pure things which we would not be ashamed to speak of, some more and some less lovely, some made and some less admirable; and our thoughts, the Apostle suggests, should give preference to the lovely and the admirable among admirable, those calculated to lift us up and profit us, and hence more inclined to help others through us because our influence with others is on a par with our own spirit. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he," and hence those who follow his counsel in the apostle will be found more out among the brethren of the truth and scrutinizing truths that are not honorable, or not just and equitable, or not pure, and preferring especially those topics for discussion that are lovely and admirable and of good report. It would be assured to us who could strictly and completely follow the apostle's advices herein given. He would be a copy of Jesus—just what we all wish to be. None of us can afford to fail.

"Whatsoever things are reputable, possessing any virtue or any praise." By this expression the apostle gets entirely out of the realm of self-gratulation. His advice simply that we should have a scrutiny of our thoughts to the intent that only things that could be profitable to us and to others, to the brethren and to the world, be indulged. Private things would be excluded also by this test. Who will not admit that a mind free from rubbish such as evil and allowed only to entertain truth, such clean, profitable thoughts would be a mind which the Lord would be pleased with and which would conduce to the development of the character likeness of our Lord Jesus, which is demanded of us, if we would be His joint-heirs in the kingdom.

"Perfect as Your Father in Heaven."

The standard which the apostle has here raised resembles the standard which our Lord Jesus raised, "Be ye, therefore, perfect even as your Father which is heaven is perfect." We cannot be perfect as the Father is perfect, but we can and do aim at the perfection of the standard, striving to attain it, thus endeavoring in made up to us of its Lord's grace through the merit of the precious blood. Likewise we cannot hope to attain so complete a control of our thoughts as to be perfect in this respect, but we can aim at it, and by earnest endeavor and by the assistance of the Lord we can make that our standard; and in proportion as we view this standard and daily strive to measure up to it, we may be sure that the Lord will have a blessing every day throughout the year, and at its close find ourselves considerably strengthened in mind, and actuated about those lines of conduct which accord with the spirit of our "Princely every thought, word and act to the will of God in Christ."

(2 Cor. x.:5.)

The Scriptural proposition is that even the most spiritual of the Lord's people, the most developed in character, will need the merit of Christ's righteousness imputed to them until they are made perfect in the resurrection. Until then, in our minds, in our wills, have the old things passed away and all things become new. Actually, this great change will be accomplished when this mortal shall have put on immortality, when this corruptible shall be raised in incorruption—raised in glory, in power, spiritual beings. But meantime, in order to be counted worthy of a share in the first resurrection it is required that we shall demonstrate our willingness of mind, our earnest desire to be all that the Lord would have us be; and in no way can this be better demonstrated than by keeping a strict surveillance of our hearts and of our thoughts. The Lord's blessing will surely be upon all who shall seek to follow this word of His grace during the new year.

Preparing for a Revival.

The Rev. William Fitt Turner, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of Braddock, is preparing for a revival which he expects to lead the first of the year. Yesterday special services were held at 3:30 o'clock in the form of "prayers for revival," and many leading workers of the church took part. Last evening the Rev. Dr. J. F. Murray, presiding elder of the McKeesport district, presided.

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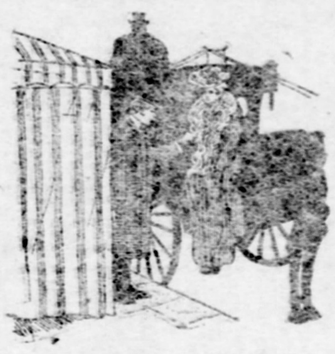

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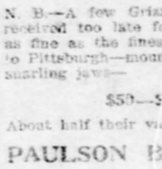

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PARENTS' TEN COMMANDMENTS
LAID DOWN BY DR. J. L. LEVY

What should we do that we may make of our children beneficent influences? What steps can we take to insure that our children may be blessed, that they may be a joy to themselves and a source of benediction to others? There can be laid down no law that may absolutely effect this cherished desire of our hearts. Yet, if the following rules were faithfully followed, we should be taking precautions to insure the fulfillment of our hopes. These rules I have called the Parents' Ten Commandments, and they run as follows:

I. Be loving to your children!
II. Don't ask impossibilities of them!
III. Never deceive them.
IV. Keep your promises with them.
V. Don't exaggerate to them the value of wealth.
VI. Correct their evils early!
VII. Don't do or say what you would not have them do or say!
VIII. Show no favoritism.
IX. Make your house a home for them!
X. Give them a religion!

(From Dr. Levy's lecture on "A Child's Blessing," in the Eighth street temple yesterday morning.)

HETTIE GREEN IN A FLAT; NOW LIVES IN HOBOKEN

Modest Apartment Taken by America's Richest Woman, Costing About $25 a Month.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Hettie Green, the richest woman in America, has gone back to Hoboken and taken a little flat in a building where the flats rent from $20 to $25 a month. Her neighbors are lawyers, clerks, mechanics, bookkeepers and stenographers.

Mrs. Green has with her her dog, "Dewey," and her maid. Sometimes her daughter, Sylvia Green, comes down from Bellows Falls, Vt., to visit her. The flat is just around the corner from the $25-a-month flat house, No. 129 Washington street, Hoboken, in which Mrs. Green lived a year ago. It is No. 57 Thirteenth street.

Miss Green's flat is on the third door, It contains four rooms and a bath. The rent is $19 a month. Mrs. Green does not rent the flat in her own name. The door plate bears the name of Nash.

GOOD CROWD AT BIJOU DESPITE EXTREME COLD

Despite the extreme cold about 2,500 persons attended the religious services in the Bijou theater yesterday afternoon, and nearly 200 asked for prayers on their behalf. Miss Emma K. Loeffler sang solos and Professor Tali Esen Morgan and his new Bijou chorus appeared in their Ober-Ammergau gowns, rendering appropriate anthems and a portion of the Ober-Ammergau music. Paintings and photographs of the Ober-Ammergau Passion Play were used to introduce the Rev. S. Edward Young's sermon theme, which was "Four Photographs of Yourself and the Way They Represent You," and its application to New Year's resolutions.

SMALL SUNDAY CROWDS AT THE PITTSBURGH PARKS

The attendance at the parks yesterday was small. Less than a hundred persons visited the Zoo. Highland and Phipps conservatories in Schenley. There was a good crowd at the art exhibition during the afternoon, the attendance being 1,500. Edwin H. Vernon's organ recital drew a fair crowd. His selections included three compositions by Fritz W. Stahlberg, a violinist of the Pittsburgh Orchestra.

However, these dealings with the nations have little to do with the world as individuals, and nothing to do with the world's trial, which belongs to the next age. "God hath appointed a day (this particular day, with the Lord is as a thousand years) in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath afore ordained"—the Christ, head and body. (Acts xvii.:31; I. Cor. vi.:2.)

We repeat, then, that the Lord's special dealings at the present time are with those who believe and not with unbelievers. He sends his message "speaking peace through Jesus Christ" to him that hath an ear to hear and a heart to receive the message—and these are very few, comparatively. The spirit of the evangelist who follows the scriptural pattern is an appeal to the heads and the hearts of the people who have the ears to hear. He is not privileged to meet out stripes or other judgments or corrections to those who disregard his message. Those who have the ears, and who receive the word with gladness, get a great blessing—and that in proportion as they permit it into good and honest and obedient hearts. Those who do not hear at all, whose hearts are not in the condition to respond to the gospel message, suffer a loss—a loss of the joy and peace and blessing and "comfort of the Scriptures" which the believers enjoy.

By the Foolishness of Preaching.

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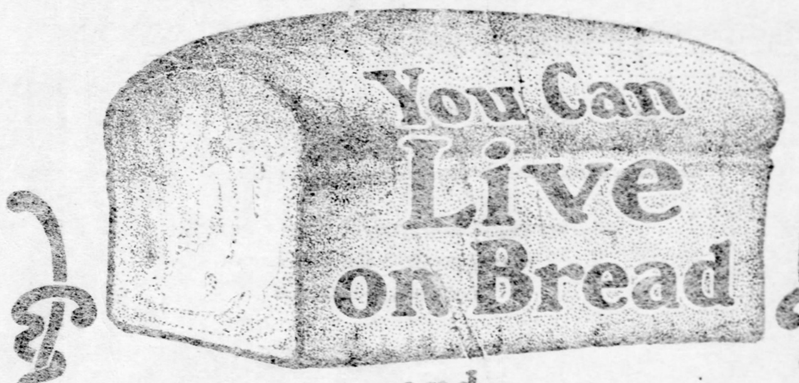

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor on the 6th day of January, 1904, by C. S. Brown, H. Hildebrand, A. Ziegler, Jr., W. W. Stevenson and H. A. Miller, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter of an intended corporation to be called "Western Pennsylvania Trust Company," the character and object of which is making insurance of title and guaranteeing to or connected with titles to real estate, making, executing and perfecting such and so many contracts, agreements, policies and other instruments as may be required or necessary for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. Harvey A. Miller, solicitor.

E. E. FULMER, Attorney-at-Law, No. 413 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 1904, by Charles A. Bingaman, Cornelius N. Savage and N. F. Savage, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called Bingaman Savage Brass Company, the character and object of which is manufacturing all kinds of wires, implements and machinery from iron, brass and other metals, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. E. E. Fulmer, solicitor.

CHANDLER, MOGILL & McCLUNG, Attorneys-at-Law, 1116 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1904, by Benjamin Thaw, John F. Dravo and Charles E. McPherson, under the act of assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called Reliance Hall and Room Heating Company, the character and object of which is the manufacture and sale of articles to be used in heating halls and rooms, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. Chandler, Mogill & McClung, solicitors.

CHARLES T. MOORE, No. 619 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the executor of Susannah C. Whitaker, deceased. In the Orphans court of Allegheny county, No. 1 September term, 1903. To Ella F. Taylor, Isaac N. Taylor, Ella E. Taylor, trustee, and Emily Whitaker, non-resident heirs of said decedent: You are hereby notified to be and appear in the said court, on Saturday, January 16, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., to take and accept or refuse a real estate at the valuation returned in said cause being partitioned or make bids on the same or show cause why the same should not be sold. George H. Stengel, clerk of orphans court.

CHARLES W. DAHLINGER, Attorney. Notice is hereby given that the board of directors of the Imperial Picture Amusement Company by majority vote have begun the issuance increasing the capital stock of said company, and that action by the stockholders will be taken on approval or disapproval of said proposed increase by said board at a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held at its general office in the Peoples Savings Bank building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 3, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon.
E. E. GREGG, Secretary.

D. S. McCANN, Attorney-at-Law, No. 650 Bakewell Law Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Thomas J. Maloy, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Elizabeth M. Jamieson, administratrix, 125 Duquesne avenue, Edgewood Park, Allegheny county, Pa.

W. H. LEMON, Attorney-at-Law, 422 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Perry Miller, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. William P. Miller, administrator, No. 66 S. Seventeenth st., Pittsburgh.

MEETINGS.

Office of Monongahela Water Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 31, 1903.

MEETING—Special notice to stockholders: The board of managers of this company has called a special meeting of its stockholders to be held at the general office of the company, No. 1112 Carson st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 6th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., to vote upon an increase of the capital of the company to pay for certain water main extensions and permanent improvements of the company's works.
MARTIN PRENTER, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19, 1903.

NOTICE of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Devonian Oil Company, to be held at their office, No. 209 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, for the election of officers and such other business as may come before the meeting.
DEVONIAN OIL COMPANY.
T. H. EVANS, Secretary.

LOST.

LOST, Strayed or Stolen—On Wednesday, December 23, collie dog, brown with white breast; answers to name Rab; had on his collar his name, license and register number. A reward will be paid to any person returning him to No. 640 Lincoln ave., Allegheny.

LOST—Watch, coming from Ridge ave., Crafton, via street car, to Homeopathic Hospital, via Liberty, Fifth ways, Fourth and Smithfield; engraved Mary Jane Stanton. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Homeopathic Hospital.

LOST—Wednesday morning, December 23, gray squirrel fur collar, on Atlantic, Barrier, Rebecca or Roup sts., East End. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Miss B. Mill-r, 405 Atlantic ave.

LOST—On Fifth ave., between Magee and Wightman, a lady's ruff. Suitable reward if returned to 68 Chatham st., city.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The Diamond National Bank,
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for fourteen directors of the bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Union street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
H. C. WETTENGEL, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Forty-third and Butler sts.,
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEORGE SEEBICK, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank,
No. 933 Smithfield st.,
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for thirteen directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 933 Smithfield street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
W. K. CHRISTY, Cashier.

Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth avenue and Market street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of one (1) and three (3) o'clock p. m.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election of the shareholders of this bank, to elect directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon.
J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Iron City National Bank or Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—An election for seventeen directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the bank, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m. and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.
GEO. F. WRIGHT, Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth avenue and Wood street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.
JOHN D. JONES, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 520 Smithfield street, corner Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

First National Bank of Birmingham,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for seven directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 600, corner Carson, Saturday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
DANIEL BEECH, Cashier.

The National Bank of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Ninth st., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
GEORGE S. MACRUM, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Allegheny,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Federal street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
T. A. McNARRY, Acting Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
R. M. DAVIE, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank during the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

German National Bank,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 709 Ohio street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and the o'clock p. m.
ALBERT REUL, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Wood street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m.
W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Workingmans Savings Bank & Trust Co.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 12, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Ohio street and Madison avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.
W. I. GUCKERT, Secretary.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 1200 Carson street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GIDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.

Mechanics & Manufacturers National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
J. M. RUSSELL, Cashier.

Exchange National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of the bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 520 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
W. H. LONG, Cashier.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 1 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth and Wood st., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
F. H. SKELDING, Cashier.

First National Bank,
Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Beaver and Broad sts., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 1 and 2:30 p. m.
E. H. Coffin, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.

The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEO. SEEBICK, Cashier.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
CHAS. S. LENDSAY, Cashier.

First National Bank of Verona,
Verona, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for three directors to serve this bank during the ensuing year will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 3 and 4 p. m.
W. F. HARGAR, Cashier.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh Manufacturers' Gas Company will be held at the office of the said company, Twenty-eighth and Railroad streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 5, 1904, between the hours of 10 and 11 a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may be properly brought before them.
GEORGE V. MILLIKEN, Pres't.

Office of the Federal National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, voting on the reduction of the capital stock from $2,000,000 to $1,000,000, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.
H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

Cosmopolitan National Bank,
Wood and Liberty Streets,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Wood and Liberty sts., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depository,
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
THOS. W. WELSH, JR., Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Duquesne National Bank for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 405 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 12 m.
A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depository,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
W. H. KNAPP, Commercial Life Insurance, 432 Fifth ave., 16th telephone.

DIVIDENDS.

Office of the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this company have declared a dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT on the capital stock of the company, payable on January 20, next, to stockholders of record January 11, 1904. Checks will be mailed.
H. B. GILBERT, Secretary.

Workingmans Savings Bank and Trust Co.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 22, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT, payable on and after January 2, 1904.
W. I. GUCKERT, Secretary.

Allegheny Trust Company,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 24, 1903.

DIVIDEND—At a meeting of the board of directors of this company a dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT was declared out of earnings of the past three months, payable January 2, 1904, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 31, 1903. Checks will be mailed.
CHARLES E. DUNSTON, Vice and Treas.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 23, 1903.

CHRISTMAS DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared an extra and final dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT, payable on demand. Stock will be ex-dividend after this date.
JOHN ORNER, Cashier.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT on the capital stock, out of the profits of the bank, payable January 2, 1904.
JOHN ORNER, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors have this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT, payable in stockholders January 2.
W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

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HARRY B. DUMONT,
Gas Coal Exchange, Pittsburgh.

INVESTMENTS

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After Christmas there are always bargains at the stores. You will want to buy Christmas presents and you will wish to take advantage of the bargains. We will loan you all the money you desire at 6 per cent interest, the lowest rate in Allegheny county. Diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, furs, etc., accepted as security. Our fireproof vaults are protected from burglars by electricity.

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WE

REIGN OF TERROR FOR ONE NIGHT

Two Desperadoes Rob Pedestrians and Rifle a Safe, Then Escape.

THEY GOT LOTS OF BOOTY

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—After perpetrating a number of daring holdups in the vicinity of Bryn Mawr, Saturday night, two armed desperadoes, who were evidently skilled crackemen, blew open a safe that is used jointly by the railroad company and the postoffice at Stanford, and after tying the watchman, escaped with nearly $1,000.

Philadelphia police, its detective department, the United States postoffice inspectors, the railroad police and the borough authorities are cooperating in running down the thieves and put an end to the series of robberies which are terrorizing this section.

It was at 11 o'clock last night that the desperadoes began their operations. At that time a young Jewish gentleman, known as John Thomas of Stafford, was coming out of the Penn hotel at that place. He was seized by two men. One of them held his hand over his mouth while the other pressed a revolver to his head. They relieved Jordan of his overcoat and money. John Kennedy, another Stafford man, appeared at this moment and was similarly treated. The man leaped a fence and disappeared. Jordan ran down the road crying "murder!" The Arlington police were ordered out. The robbers held up every one they met.

Wild Chase by Police.

At midnight the pair reached Bryn Mawr. There they encountered Richard M. Cameron with a party of young women whom he was escorting home. They were halted and ordered to give up. The women screamed and ran down the road. With drawn revolvers and threats of murder, the desperadoes followed them.

Before overtaking them, however, the victims were stopped by the sounds of horses galloping. The police of Ardmore were close upon them. Cutting across country the bandits reached Villa Nova at 12:45. They boarded the train and bought tickets to Wayne. Conductor William Gleason knocked all the revolvers and daggers on the road. He noted the disreputable appearance of the men and it is from his description that the authorities hope to capture them.

Arriving at Wayne, the two tramped to Stafford, a mile farther on. The station closes at 8 o'clock but James Bolger, who is employed to walk the tracks between Wayne and Stafford, also keeps watch in the latter station.

At the time the bandits reached Stafford Bolger was inside. They were discovered by a shelter shed by Bolger at 2 o'clock.

Rifled the Safe.

"You'll have to get out," he said. Grumbling they obeyed him. Bolger went back to the station.

"I had started to doze," he said, "when I heard two heavy crashes against the door. Instantly the door flew open and two men, holding a large keg, jumped into the room. They pulled out their revolvers and threatened to kill me."

Bolger remained quite while the two operated. The bandits picked up the keg and with it smashed the office door. They emptied the combination from the safe. They poured nitroglycerin into the crack. The explosion tore the bottom of the safe out, hurled the door through the windows of the station. Quickly rifling it, the robbers found Bolger.

He managed to release himself later and gave the alarm at the signal tower, and a hue and cry followed. Seven hundred dollars belonging to the railroad was taken, as well as $200 worth of stamps.

BURGLAR ROBS JUSTICE BY COMMITTING SUICIDE

Thief Who Was Arrested After Hard Fight Hangs Himself in Jail.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CANAL DOVER, O., Dec. 27.—Charles Made, a desperate character, who was arrested after a battle with revolvers and shotgune along the Tuscarawas river, between here and West Philadelphia, on Christmas eve, committed suicide in his cell at the county jail in New Philadelphia this morning. The arrest of Made was the culmination of a series of burglaries of stores extending all over the county. Both of the officers who were shot were wounded in the battle with the officers before they surrendered.

Made refused to give any information regarding himself and the name given is supposed to be assumed. He was remorseful and often threatened to kill himself. He committed suicide by hanging, using a towel and pillowslip tied to the top bars of his cell.

Made is stout, weighs about 185 pounds, was of medium height, with black hair, mustache and eyes and was of muscular build. On his left arm was tattooed a heart with a dagger thrust through it and with the blood dropping, on the right was tattooed a snake with fifteen links in the watch. The clothing worn at the time of his capture was stolen from a store at Uhrichsville, this county.

ONE MAN HELD UP AN ENTIRE RAILROAD

Foolish Freak of Man With Grievance Blocks B. & O. for Two Hours.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 27.—A. E. Grimes is in jail at Kingwood, W. Va., for holding the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yesterday afternoon. He attacked the telegraph office at Anderson, holding up Operator Cruise, with two ugly revolvers and breaking in, took possession of the room. He pulled out the instruments and disabled the road both ways.

Cruise was terrorized by Grimes, who, knowing something about telegraphy, tried to manipulate the instrument to get a message that would stop traffic on the road. Orders were finally gotten through from Cumberland to Tunnelton to arrest Grimes, and Constable Hernshaw, who was dispatched on an engine, quickly put a stop to the affair. Grimes got hold up the road for two hours. He has a grievance against the company and sought the means used to get revenge.

CORRY IN THE GRASP OF STINGING BLIZZARD

CORRY, PA., Dec. 27.—The worst storm of the winter has been raging all day accompanied by a cutting wind. Churches were almost deserted as the sidewalks were drifted all this morning. The Pennsylvania railroad between Brocton, N. Y., and this city is being kept open by constant use of snow plows. Trains of all roads are hours late.

Change of Time—The California Limited.

Effective Sunday, January 3, 1904, the California Limited on the Santa Fe will leave Chicago at 7:30 p. m. instead of 9:00 p. m., as previously. The train will be held, however, until 5:00 p. m. in case connecting trains with passengers for it are late.

Now in its sixth season of daily service the California Limited has satisfactorily held itself a peer of Pacific coast trains. Solid Pullmans throughout, it runs from Chicago to Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Barbara via the Santa Fe all the way. Quite one-half the total comfortable route—tracks oil-sprinkled. (Practically dustless.) The Grand Canyon line.

For daily illustrated booklet, describing the California Limited, call or address E. P. Shelbergen, Pass. Agent, A. T. & S. F. Ry., 402 Park building, Pittsburgh.

HOLIDAY RATES.

$9.90 Pittsburgh to Buffalo and Return Via Pennsylvania R. R.

On account of the New Year holidays the Pennsylvania railroad will sell round trip tickets, Pittsburgh to Buffalo, December 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, at the low rate of $9.90, tickets good returning until January 4, 1904, inclusive.

Trains leave Union station, Pittsburgh, at 9:00 a. m. and 11:00 p. m., eastern standard time.

CIRCUS HORSE WITH GOOD MEMORY; ASSAULTS BOLD PIPER

Duncan McTulloch Piped Once Too Often Near the Animal—Owner Explains That Horse Once Lived on Haggis and Heather.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

If Duncan McTulloch, bagpipe blower, had more music in his mechanical bladder than he had in his soul he would not have been outrageously assaulted by a horse in Brooklyn nor belted in line, not to speak of being arrested by the Adams street police.

Dressed in real Highland kilts, McTulloch went down Bridge street at 9 o'clock Saturday night. The street was crowded with peddlers' wagons and shoppers. The laborer was willing and the harvest seemed sure, and gayly McTulloch squeezed out his music.

"He-e-e-e, he-o-o-o, hi-i-i," went McTulloch. The tune was ostensibly a syndicate affair. Industriously he coddled on the instrument beneath his arm. At Concord and Bridge streets stood the horse of Peter Harper. "Hi-hi-hi," went McTulloch.

Beyond the horse there was an Assyrian serving out fortunes by the occult canary route at a penny a peep.

"Ye-Lo, ye-ho, ye-hoht-ho-he," went McTulloch.

The dispenser of fortunes gave him a penny to go away. The McTulloch thought the coin was a tangible token of appreciation. "Ho-ho-ho-he," went McTulloch. Peter Harper's horse reared and rushed at the piper.

"He-he," went McTulloch.

The horse butted him on the bosom with his head, then reared and smote the bagpipe blower above the heart with his front feet, using one after the other like a pugilist.

When McTulloch's bappipes expired in the street the crowd pulled the horse off. In a neighboring drug store the dents in the bosom of the Highlander were smoothed. Then the police interfered. Mr. McTulloch's case was dismissed.

Mr. Harper said tonight that his horse was an old circus animal, bred in England. It was "one stolen by a wild McFarlane, he explained, and compelled to subsist on haggis and heather.

FRANK A. PARKER.

RECRUITS NOT UP TO STANDARD

General Bates Discusses Lack of Development Among New Soldiers.

GENERAL PRISON NEEDED

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—In reviewing the year's work of the United States army in the department of the lakes, Major General John C. Bates, commander-in-chief of this territorial division, says that the character and appearance of recruits is not up to the standard of former years, the number of undeveloped youths being especially noticeable.

According to the report the "Baby Blue" facings for infantry is unpopular and without exception is opposed by all infantry officers and a return to the white facings is universally desired, as is also the retention of the officers' blue overcoats in lieu of the new olive drab overcoat. The general mess system in operation throughout the department is declared unsatisfactory and a return to company mess system is recommended. In discussing the need of a military prison, which the report declares has been fully demonstrated, General Bates says:

"The post guard houses have been overcrowded, although instructions from superior authority I have released many prisoners, where, in my judgment, such action was not likely to be detrimental to discipline, and, in some cases, I am afraid I have rather exceeded that limit in efforts to reduce the number of prisoners.

"Furthermore, I think it has a bad effect upon the young soldier entering the service to have constantly before his eyes those old soldiers serving long sentences, and that it would be in the interest of discipline to send all men under sentence of a year or more away from the post to a military prison."

The roster of the department contains the names of 172 noncommissioned officers and 2,764 enlisted men. In the period covered by the report there were 357 enlisted men tried by general court-martial, this being an increase of 23 over last year. Of the 357 men tried, 342 were convicted.

DEATH'S HARVEST LIGHTER IN THE MINES LAST YEAR

Report of One District Shows Decrease of Fatalities for Coal Mined.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 27.—Mine Inspector Edward E. Reynolds of the Seventh anthracite district, who will retire Thursday, has compiled a report for the past year, showing the number of fatal and non-fatal accidents in his district.

The report, as compared with 1901, shows 20 per cent more coal mined for each death. In the 17 collieries of the Seventh district there were 38 fatal accidents. As this is the largest district, and so far as gas is concerned the most dangerous in the anthracite region, this makes a remarkable showing.

The inspector says the death rate could be greatly reduced if the majority of miners understood English, and the tasks of nationality shows that the foreigners are not met with vastly more accidents in proportion to their numbers than did the English-speaking men. During the present year there were 121 non-fatal accidents which is about the same as during 1901, although the output of coal has been increased 20 per cent.

NEW ROAD IS READY.

First Train on the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Will Start Today.

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The last link of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern railroad, between Ridgway and Sullivan, in Allegheny county, has been completed and regular trains will begin running over the lines tomorrow. The Shawmut now has a continuous line from Hornellsville.

The road has attracted attention on account of the material used in construction. Oak ties and 80-pound rails have been used throughout and the bridges have been constructed of the best steel with concrete abutments. The road also has a connection with the Erie and with the Lackawanna, giving it access to the coal fields in Elk, Jefferson and Clearfield counties, Pennsylvania.

GRAVE DANGER AHEAD.

Ice Gorge Fifteen Miles Long May Bring Disaster Along the Allegheny.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 27.—(Special.) The recent cold snap has made the ice in the Allegheny river, from Rosston, five miles south of this place to Templeton, 15 miles north, dangerously solid. Should a soft spell of weather come it will be hard to predict what damage will result.

At Rosston the gorge is an immense affair being packed to the bottom and extending 15 miles upstream. It was formed during the recent cold spell. Cakes of small pieces have packed all the way to the bottom, offering resistance that can scarcely be overcome. The water is now backing up and spreading over the lowlands.

BEAT HIS WIFE, ALSO HER WOULD-BE RESCUER

Edward Diebold of 1806 Fox street was fined $50 by Magistrate James F. Kane yesterday morning. Diebold, it was charged, was abusing his wife, and when John Workman, who resides at the same address, tried to stop him, Diebold struck him on the head with a poker. Both men were arrested, but Workman was discharged.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Its Kind You Have Always Bought

GREAT INCREASE IN YEAR'S TRADE

Uncle Sam Adds $74,000,000 to Agricultural Products During 1903.

SURPRISE IN IRON AND STEEL

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.

Details of 11 months' commerce of the year 1903 are just made public by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics. They show an increase in practically all of the great groups into which the bureau of statistics divides the exports and in all of the groups into which it divides the imports. Agricultural products, as a whole, show an increase of $74,000,000; products of the forests, $10,000,000; products of the mines, $8,000,000; manufactures, $8,000,000, and miscellaneous articles, $2,000,000. In the single group, fisheries, is shown a slight decrease of a little more than $1,000,000.

The figures for the month of November show a marked growth in exports of manufactures, the total for the month being $84,098,635, against $36,513,812 in November of last year. Agricultural products also show a marked increase in the month, the figures for November, 1903, being $41,172,258, against $37,035,850 in the corresponding month of last year. The increase in agricultural exports occurs chiefly in cotton, of which the value of the month's exports is unusually high.

No Increase in Iron and Steel.

The increase in exports of manufactures is distributed through many articles, but does not occur, as had been expected, in iron and steel. Discussions in trade circles have, and in the press during the past few weeks have predicted a revival in the export trade of iron and steel manufactures, but the November figures of exports of this class of merchandise do not justify this prediction. The total value of iron and steel manufactures exported in November, 1903, was $7,383,415, against $8,119,924 in November of 1902, $8,180,193 in November, 1901, and $10,172,721 in November, 1900.

For the 11 months ending with November the total exports of iron and steel manufactures are $83,685,701 in value, against $95,132,124 in the corresponding months of 1902, and $71,412,782 in the corresponding months of 1901. Notwithstanding the slight decrease in exports of iron and steel, the total of all manufactures exported during the 11 months ending with November, 1903, is $382,768,157, against $371,657,476 in the corresponding months of last year.

Imports for the month show a decrease of over $8,000,000 compared with November of the preceding year. This decrease is divided between "manufacturing" materials, food stuffs and the group designated as "articles of voluntary use, luxuries, etc." The largest decrease occurs in the group "articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in manufacturing," the reduction in this class being about $2,000,000, as compared with the corresponding month of the preceding year.

New High Record in Commerce.

This reduction occurs largely in iron and steel, of which the importations for the month are less than half those of the corresponding month of last year, the figures for November, 1902, being $2,309,238, against $4,778,098 in November, 1902. For the 11 months ending with November articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in manufacturing show an increase of $15,000,000 over the corresponding months of last year, while articles in a crude condition for use in manufacturing show an increase of $11,000,000 in 1903, as compared with the corresponding months of 1902.

These figures of the commerce of the 11 months would seem to indicate that the total commerce of the United States during the year about to end will be greater than in any preceding year, but that the total exports will fall a few millions below those of 1900 and be about equal to those of 1901, but materially in excess of those of 1902, while the total imports will exceed those of any preceding year, and combined with the exports make the grand total of commerce more than in any earlier year; also, that the export of manufactures will exceed those of 1902 by several millions, but be somewhat below those of the record of 1900, and perhaps 1901.

BLAKMAIL IS ALLEGED.

Says That Charges of Embezzlement Are Not Founded on Facts.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Rev. Starr A. Smith, pastor of Calvary Baptist church in this city, is charged with five serious offenses. Just before the opening services today one of the trustees read charges, which state that the pastor has received money from Baptist missionary conventions which belonged to the church, and which he appropriated to his own use. The pastor also is charged with "conduct unbecoming a minister."

The Rev. Mr. Smith says it is a case of blackmail. He will have a hearing tomorrow night.

NOTHING MISSED IN THE GAZETTE

Sunday's Paper Sparkled With News from Every Quarter of the Globe.

MUCH ENTERTAINING READING

News sparkled in every column of the generous sections of yesterday's Sunday Gazette. The whole country was in the grip of a blizzard and a bright newspaper was especially entertaining for those of its readers who enjoyed it before a cheerful fire. The Sunday Gazette told of that terrible windstorm and of its terrible consequences in the northwest, where the signal lights had been extinguished by the blasts on the Pere Marquette railroad, resulting in the loss of 11 lives and the injury of 31 others, by a collision between two passenger trains. The storm in Chicago has caused three deaths and maimed many others.

The sad news from Connellsville was told in The Gazette as usual without the hysterical "yellowness" of many of its contemporaries, and recounted the harrowing scenes at the funeral of several of the victims of the wreck of the Duquesne limited. Other notable news features were these:

Col. E. F. Lorse announced that he would resign from the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to go to the head of the executive department of the Rock Island system. Oscar G. Murray is the probable successor of Col. Lorse.

A mob at Pineapple, Ala., is lynching a negro and burning him at the stake, set fire to adjoining buildings and caused $35,000 damage.

Russia allows Japan to send troops to Korea to preserve order. In London this action is said to portend hostilities in the far east.

The Democratic senators have abandoned their opposition to the Panama canal treaty and the negotiations will go on. Colombian representatives at Washington become impatient and will return to South America in bad humor.

The new county officials will announce their appointments today. Now candidates are looked for among the rank and file of the clerks. Coming contests in the near many sharp contests in various parts of the state.

Three deaths caused by typhoid fever are added to Butler's total, making the total number of victims to 50. Dr. George A. Soper, a New York sanitary expert, discusses the epidemic.

France looks for war between Japan and Russia and makes preparations accordingly. The emperor of Germany has improved in health and enjoys the Yuletide season.

The expansion of loans was the principal feature of Saturday's stock market. The Pittsburgh hockey team was beaten by the P. A. A.'s by a score of 6 to 4 in the opening game. The fight between Young Corbett and Eddie Hanlon is likely to be declared off.

ANOTHER BIG BLAZE.

Fifth Fire in Troy Within a Short Time Caused a Loss of $200,000.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Troy's fifth big fire within a few weeks, broke out today in the business portion of the city and did damage to the extent of $200,000.

The flames originated in the bake room of A. W. Hollister's wholesale and retail grocery, in River street, and spread to Fitzpatrick & Draper's tobacco factory and the Troy Furniture Company's building. All three buildings were totally destroyed. Crutchley & Co., furniture dealers; W. J. Alexander, crockery and china depot, and the Troy Belting and Supply Company suffered extensively from water. The losses: Included, Fitzpatrick & Draper, stock and building, $125,000; A. W. Hollister, stock, $25,000.

HANGED HIMSELF WHILE HIS CELLMATE SLEPT

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Quintelle Polish, an Italian occupant of the county jail committed suicide last night by hanging himself from the cell bars with his belt. He was committed for shooting a man and imagined he would be hanged for the crime. He hanged himself so quietly that a Hungarian occupant of the cell knew nothing of it until he awoke this morning.

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NO GROUND WAS LOST IN THE SECURITY MARKET

Prospect for War Between Russia and Japan in the Far East Is Influencing Financial Centers.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—While the speculative security market, considered in its entirety, made little or no progress during the week, it certainly lost no ground. Sceptical market observers maintained that the entire movement was artificial, but, on the other hand, they were unable to point to any liquidation that was disquieting or other than of professional character. Prices for the standard railway shares and such stocks as enjoy wide distribution left off about where they began. About the only thing made clear by the inconsequential movements of the interval was that the general public had no part in them, either as buyer or seller.

For the most part such stocks as figured in last week's manipulation are either so high priced and so closely held as to have long since disappeared from the active speculative list, or are of such highly specialized character that they enjoy no general market. The technical position, therefore, of closely held stocks on the one hand, or stocks undistributed on the other, renders manipulation and unfolding of price quite easy. The selling of such stocks after they have been rallied is always another matter. This was clearly enough illustrated in such declines in properties of widely diverse character, in recent months, as the points in Chicago and Northwestern and 175 in International Power Company, or a decline, covering a longer period, of the points or so in Brooklyn Rapid Transit. Whether the chief object of moving up high grade investment stocks was for the purpose of marking up inventory values, to make good showings in annual reports, or to influence the marketing of some undistributed and doubtful stocks, is merely a matter of inference.

The opinion expressed in this column a week ago that the continued agitation abroad of the question of possible hostilities between Russia and Japan must result in some local market influence, was amply verified during the week, but it cannot be said that such influence was exerted otherwise than in curtailing business activity. That such should be the result is perfectly logical, for in such matters as foreign complications, New York takes its cue directly from London and hesitancy rather than price decline, has been the chief influence thus far on foreign markets of the Russo-Japanese situation. With all the discussion as to the possibilities of war indulged in during the last few days of the week, prices of securities and staple commodities gave no positive indication of how actual hostilities would affect the market.

The consensus of conservative opinion in banking circles appears to be that war is inevitable, and that the best that can be hoped for is simply a deference of its outbreak. But on the other questions involved there is no unanimity of view, except that the ultimate outcome would prove a Russian victory. With the same data before them one group holds that war in the Far East would greatly stimulate all domestic markets, even that of securities, through reviving activity in certain staple markets and some industries. But war, the destruction of material wealth, is a doubtful factor as best, and not an oversafe foundation upon which to base hopes for continued prosperity. The law of compensation enters very largely into the discussion, and the increased business gained in an unnatural development is sooner or later offset by a sudden estoppage of demand, and in the case of war by burdensome indemnities and the slow process of recuperation.

The long languishing British and South African markets are the most recent case in point. Who fails to recall the argument that the cessation of war in South Africa, and the resumption of the gold output in the Rand was to stimulate all markets of the world? The war has long ceased. The Rand output is reaching substantial figures, but the £600,000,000 adjustment of debt weighs heavily upon England, preparation is slow in South Africa, which was going to buy such quantities of mining machinery, steel rails and bridges. As for the London security market, the ink is scarcely yet dry on an agreement to sustain by a pool the price of South African mining shares and other securities, while price depreciation elsewhere is enormous. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that whatever war does to stimulate prices at the outset one has to pay the price in the end.

In the present case it is by no means clear that European powers may not become involved. England's recent purchase of Chilean war vessels to keep them out of Russian hands, the English reconnaisance into Thibet, her jealousies as to Russian aggression toward the Persian gulf, the English-Japanese treaty and the Russian-French treaty, as to offensive and defensive alliances, in the east under certain contingencies, constitute possibilities sufficient to render predictions uncertain as to the avoidance of trouble among greater powers, if once the difficulty is started.

A war between Russia and Japan, confined to the far east, would be simple enough, and would be feared by few, but while uncertainty continues as to the disagreeable possibility of involving others, it is difficult to see wherein rests the bull argument. Even after the defeated power sues for peace, there are difficult matters to adjust, occasioned by the assertion of "spheres of influence" over China by the various powers and the possibility that a far eastern war will revive the question of dismemberment of that great territory with all the added jealousies and difficulties of adjustment occasioned by Russian ascendancy in the far east.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Special Cable.)—This has been half a week on the stock exchange, for so far as business was concerned the house might just as well have been kept closed on Christmas eve, when the usual round of practical jokers was the order of the day.

The war scare has suddenly thrown back quotations. At the close of last week everything seemed to point to a steady improvement for the remainder of the year and decided activity early in the new year. Consequently the apprehensive feeling that existed passed completely away and hopefulness sprang up. This, however, was choked by the far eastern situation, and everything is again unsettled.

The American demand for gold has not altogether ceased, though it has become very much less urgent and, the market price for bars having receded, the bank has been able to purchase a portion of the supplies offered.

WILLIAM W. WALL BURIED.

Funeral Attended by Members of Societies to Which He Belonged.

William W. Wall, the man who was killed in consequence of a blow delivered by Bert C. Maratta, was buried yesterday from his home, 1504 Bovle street, Allegheny. It was a large funeral, Wall having belonged to the Elks, Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Representatives of each organization were present in large numbers.

The services began at 2 p. m. and were conducted by the Rev. W. Schaffer, pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran church. The burial was at Uniondale cemetery and the ritual of the Elks was recited at the grave.

Boys' Alleged Theft Was Not Proved.

Will Frey of 1419 Wrights alley and James Harkins of 1424 Wrights alley, had a hearing before Magistrate James F. Kane yesterday morning. They were charged with stealing $5 from James Haber of South Nineteenth street while the latter was sleeping at the Bryce glass house. Frey and Harkins are 17 years old and Huber is 15 years old. Magistrate Kane discharged the two prisoners with a reprimand.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK IN LOCAL MARKETS

The Christmas Demands Were Enormous—Bananas Are Scarce.

The feature of last week's markets was unusually large trading in every line three days before Christmas. This was true particularly of the turkey market, which was very strong. Farther east the market was weak. Just the reverse was true of turkeys at Thanksgiving time, when the Pittsburgh market was very dull and eastern markets were unusually active. Many wholesale grocers are trying to make 1903 their banner year, and the business done last week went a long way toward establishing coveted records. Prices were steady and the demand was excellent. Eggs were lost sight of in the Christmas rush, and the market held its own. Butter and cheese was at a standstill. Poultry predominated and effected cattle receipts and live stock markets. At Thanksgiving time live stock markets had the demand. The provision market weakened.

Dealers reported Saturday that there is at present a scarcity of bananas. They are now quoted at $1.75 to $2.25 and $1.25 to $1.50. The supply ran short before Christmas owing to severe weather, but conditions are better. Prices were not advanced. If the demand keeps up, however, indications are that bananas will go skyward.

All markets quoted down Saturday, but a fair demand is looked for until after New Year's day. Produce men cleaned up their stock well, but all that is left is bringing good prices. There are no changes in any of the markets to date. Fish will open up at the beginning of next month.

Wheat and flour remained steady, while oats was strong and the feeling on corn was good. None of the bar had great prices were reached during Christmas time, and the same condition will prevail until after the holidays. No. 2 yellow ear corn, non-prompt, sold at 52c Saturday, and the market showed general improvement at the close of the week.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts habitual: Pennsylvania lines, 43 cars hay, 24 cars corn, 7 cars oats, 2 cars straw, 1 car bran, 1 car bran, 1 car flour; Baltimore & Ohio, 5 cars hay, 5 cars corn, 2 cars straw, 2 cars oats; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 3 cars hay, 1 car corn, 1 car oats, 1 car rye.

Hay, No. 1 timothy	$18.50@19.00	Rye, No. 2	
do No. 2	$12.50@13.00	Mich.	66½@66¾c
No. 1 clov	$11.50@11.50	Wheat, No. 2 red, ton	$21.00@21.50
do No. 2	$10.50@11.00	do brown	$20.00@20.50
No. 1 mix	$11.50@12.00	Bran, ton	$18.00@18.50
Loose from wagon	$15.00@17.00	Wheat, No. 2 red	79@80c
Straw, Long Rye	$8.50@9.00	Corn, No. 2 yellow shelled	52@53c
do wheat	$8.50@9.00	High mix	51@52c
do rye	$12.50@13.00	No. 2 mix	49½@50c
Oats, No. 2 White	41½@42c	New No. 2 yellow shelled	50@51c
do No. 3	41@41½c	New No. 2 yellow ear	53@54c
do No. 4	39½@40c		

GROCERIES.

Flour.		do powdered	4.75c
Fancy spg. patent	$4.80@4.85	do pow'd xxxx	4.80c
Fancy winter patent	$4.25@4.30	do cubes	4.80c
Straight win	$3.85@4.00	do cut loaf	5.15c
Bakers' reg	$3.40@3.60	do off	4.90@4.00c
Rye	$3.10@3.75	do No. 1 yellow	4.30c
Graham	$4.00@4.10	do No. 2 yellow	4.25c
Cornmeal bbl	$3.25@3.40	do No. 3 yellow	4.20c
do 10-lb cotton bags	17@18c	Navy, N. P	$2.00@2.15
Rolled oats, bbl	$6.10	Navy, imp	$2.10@2.15
do kegs	$2.70	Red kidneys	$3.15@3.25
Roasted Coffee		Cal. lima, lb	4½@5c
Rio	9½@12c	Peas, dried, bu	$1.30@1.40
Santos	12½@20½c	do split, lb	4c
Maracaibo	17@17½c	do marrow, bu	$2.00@2.10
Peaberry	16@18c	Oil, carbon, 110 deg	13½c
Golden Rio	15½c	do headlight	14½c
Caracas	19@19½c	do water white	14½c
Standard Sugars	$11.05@11.05	do Ohio W. W	14½c
High grades	$11.70@18.30	do prime deg	13c
Molasses, fancy refined	35@37c	do miners	25@45c
do choice	32@35c	do Elaine	17c
do open kettle	38@40c	do special brands	28@43c
Syrup.		Rice, Carolina head, lb	7@7½c
Fancy sugar	29@30c	do fancy	
Sug. and cane	24@25c	Japan	5@5½c
Prime	21@22c	do choice Cargo	
2½-lb cans, doz	$1.10	Salt, No. 1, bbl	$1.00
5-lb cans, doz	$1.85	do No. 1 extra	$1.10
10-lb cans, doz	$3.40	do No. 2	$1.00
Mazola	40c	do pocket	$1.55@1.85
Oatmeal, bbl	$5.00	do dairy	$1.15
do kegs	$2.90	Saxon trust, cask	$8.75
Sugar, sta. gran	4.80c	do bbls	90@1.75
do bags	4.90c	do half bbl	$1.75
do 2-lb carton	4.80c		

Sugar, 5-lb cotton bags	4.50c		
CANNED GOODS.			
Peaches, std	$1.15@1.20	Plums, damson	$1.00
do pie	$1.85@2.00	do calif	$1.60@1.70
do California		Raspberries	85@95c
L. C	$1.90@2.05	Gooseberries	95c@$1.00
do Mary		Tomatoes, standard	85@90c
Lima beans	$1.30@1.60	do fancy	$1.10@1.25
do California		do gal	$3.00@3.10
Y. E	$1.80@2.00	Succotash, 1-lb	
Corn, fancy	$1.30@1.50	do gallon	$1.25@1.40
do std	$1.20@1.25	Baked beans, cans, tomato sc	70c@$1.40
Cherries, Cal. white	$2.50@2.75	Salmon, Red	$2.10@2.25
do hooked	75@80c	Chipped beef	$2.25@2.75
String beans, 2-lb	1.05	Oysters and toast	
do 3-lb	95c	beef, 2-lb	
Stringless		cans	$2.30@2.35
do std	$1.25@1.75	do 1-lb	$1.30@1.35
Peas, marrow, fat	85c@$1.00	Mackerel, broiled	$1.00@2.25
do early June	90c@$1.00	Sardines, domestic, ¼s	$7.00@9.00
do sifted	80@85c	do mustards, ¼s	$2.75
Appies, N. Y. gal. cans	$2.15@2.25	do French	$9.00@15.75
Pineapples	$1.00@2.25		

DRIED FRUITS			
Apricots, evap. bags	9@12c	Raisins, Muscatel, 2 and 4 crown 50-lb boxes	7@8c
do 25-lb boxes	8½@11½c	do Cadora	8½@9c
Apples, sun dr	3½@8½c	do Valencia	8½@9c
do 1-lb cartons	7½@7¾c	do Cal. Val	7@7½c
Peaches	7@10½c	Currants, cleaned, 2s and 50-lb pkg	7@7½c
Raspberries	24@27½c	Prunes	4½@10c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs	9½@10c	Figs, Cal	9@9c
		do Turk	12½@13c

SALT FISH.			
Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl	$32.00	Mackerel, No. 2	
do half bbl	$16.50	do half bbls	$20.00
do quar. bbl	$9.25	do quarter bbl	$11.50
Mackerel, No. 1 plain, bbl	$25.00	do half bbls	$8.00
do half bbls	$12.50	do quarter bbls	$4.50
do quar. bbls	$6.60	do 10-lb pails	$1.55
do 20-lb pails	$2.60	Lake herring, 100 lbs	$3.00@3.25
do 10-lb pails	$1.45	do 20-lb quarters	$1.75
		do 10-lb	85c

SEEDS			
Clover, from store, reclean'd, 60-lb. bu. small	$7.10@7.20	Alfalfa	$8.50@9.00
do mammoth	$7.20@7.30	Timothy	$1.25@1.50
do orimson	$4.50@4.75	Grass, Hungarian	90c@$1.10
do white		do blue, 14-lb bu	$1.50@1.75
Dutch	$14.00@18.00	do red top, 14-lb bu	$1.10@2.00
Alsike	$8.75@9.00		

PRODUCE			
Potatoes, bu. store	50@55c	do Ashtabula, basket	25@35c
do track	70@75c	do bead, bbl	$6.00@8.00
Sweets, Virginia	$2.00@2.25	Garlic, lb	7@9c
Kiln dried	$4.00@4.25	Carrots, bbl	$1.25@1.50
do mediums	$1.15@2.00	Cauliflower, doz	$2.50@2.75
Turnips, bbl	$1.75@2.00	Watercress, doz	20@30c
Onions, bbl	$2.00@2.25	Butterine sprouts, quart	10@15c
do new, doz	20@30c	6-basket carriers	25@40c
do Spanish, crate	$1.00@1.10	Spinach, bu	70@85c
Cucumbers, hothouse, doz	$1.25@1.50	Squash, Hubbard, bbl	$1.50@1.75
Cabbage, bbl	$45.00@50.00	do marrow	50c@$1.00
do lb	2½@2½c	Honey, new	15@17c
Parsley, doz	50@$1.00	Parsnips, bbl	$1.75@2.00
Radishes, doz	20@25c	Rutabagas	$1.00@1.25
Kale, bu	25@30c	Popcorn, lb	4@5c
Celery, Ohio	25@35c	Horseradish, bbl	$5.00@5.50
Lettuce, home, doz	70c@$1.00	Egg plant, hamper	$4.00@4.50

PROVISIONS.			
Hams.		Breakfast bacon,	
18 lbs and up	10½c	back strips	11c
Over 14 to 18 lbs	11c	Dry salt sides, extra	
Over 10 to 14 lbs	11½c	short clears	8c
10 lbs and under	11¾c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	8½c
Skinned	10½c	16 to 20 lbs	8½c
Boneless boiled	14c	do 16 to 20 lbs	8½c
California	7½c	do under 16 lbs	8½c
Shoulders, N. Y. out	7½c	Dry salt smoked sides, extra	
do selected	8½c	short clears	9c
Breakfast bacon, ribs	12c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	9c
S to 10 lbs	12c	16 to 20 lbs	9½c
do 10 to 12 lbs	11½c	do 16 to 20 lbs	9½c
do 12 to 14 lbs	11½c	do under 16 lbs	9½c
do 10 to 12 lbs	12¼c	Lard, prime	7½c
		Boneless	7½c

NUTS.			
Chestnuts, lb	10@11c	Italian chestnuts	6@8c
Filberts	11c	Pecans	12c
Eng. walnuts	11@14c	Shellbarks, bu	$1.75@2.00
Sicily almonds	16c	Walnuts	$1.00@1.25
Tarragona almonds	18c	Butternuts	$1.00
Mixed	12c		
Brazil	11c		

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.			
Butter.		do Wis. Swiss, tubs	14½@15c
Prints	27@27½c	do 20-lb block Swiss	14½@15c
Tubs	26@27c	new	14½@15c
Ohio cream	24@24½c	do Limburger	
Dairy	19@21c		

Country roll	14@16c	Eggs, per	18@18½c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream	12½@13c	do brickstein	13½@14c
do flats	12½@13c	Eggs, candled	24@25c
Ohio	12½@13c	do selected	26@30c
Cheese, Ohio Swiss	16@17c	do storage	20@21c

POULTRY AND GAME.			
Live chickens	11@12c	Lingt. pigeons, pair	$2.50
Roosters	7½@8c	do grouse	$2.50
Turkeys	11@13c	do partridges	$2.25
Live ducks, lb	13@14c	do black cocks	$2.50
Geese	10@11c	do red grouse	$2.50
Dressed chickens	14@15c	Squirrels, pair	40@50c
Dressed springs	14@15c	Squab, doz	$1.50
Roosters	10@11c	Mallard ducks, pair	$1.75@2.00
Roosters	9@10c	Turkeys, fresh, dressed	22@23c
Turkeys, fresh, dressed	22@23c	do tom	$7.00
Ducks	17@18c	do blue hill	$1.50
Rabbits, pair	20@25c	do ruby	$1.00
Capons, lb	16@17c	do red head	$1.75@2.00
No. 1 geese feather, lb	36c	do canvas back	$2.00
do ex. live	25c		

TROPICAL FRUITS.			
Lemons, Messina	$3.75@4.00	Bananas, 1sts	$1.75@2.25
do Verdelli	$4.00@4.25	do 2ds	$1.25@1.50
do Califor	$3.00@3.50	Pineapples, crate	$2.50@3.00
Limes, per 100	$1.00	Figs, California, bbl	$3.00
		W. Nellis	$3.50

Oranges, California, navel	$2.75@3.50	do Clairgeau	$2.75
do Florida	$3.00@3.50	Grapes, Almeria	$3.50@4.00
do Jamaica	$2.75@3.00	Grape fruit	$3.00@3.50
Cocoanuts, bags	$2.50	Tangerines	$1.75@2.00
		Figs, Cal	10@15c
		cartons	$1.00@1.35

DOMESTIC FRUITS.			
Apples, fancy bbl	$3.50@4.00	Cranberries, bbl	$2.75@3.00
do choice	$2.00@2.50	do bbl	$8.00@10.00
Grapes, Catawba	20c		

HOLIDAY GREENS.			
Christmas trees, per 100	$25.00@40.00	Pine, per yard	3½@4c
Holly, crate	$2.00@2.25	Sweet peppers, per bu	$1.00@1.00
Laurel, per yd	2½@3c	Evergreen, yl	4@4½c
Evergreen, yl	4@4½c	Mistletoe, bbl	$6.00@7.00
Holly, wreaths, per doz	1.00@1.25		

HIDES.			
No. 1 green steer, heavy	3c	Green salt or cured No. 1 steers, over 60 lbs	7c
do light, under 60 lbs	3c	do 50 to 60 lbs	7c
do all over	3c	do under 50 lbs	6½c
all weights	3c	Cows and light	5c
No. 1 green bulls	3c	No. 1 steers	5c
do No. 2	2c	do No. 2	4½c
do No. 1	3c	Calfskin, No. 1	10½c
do No. 2	2c		

LITTLE TO INTEREST OPERATORS; NO $2 OIL BEFORE NEW YEAR

Operators had less to claim their attention during the week just closed than the one preceding, when several large producers were drilled, giving the impression that there was still a chance to make a winning strike in the lower southwest. If one had the courage to tackle the deep-sand territory. But gushers in this, or any other territory are hard to find.

The South Penn Oil Company, the owner of the Wesley Robinson farm gusher, has been the most active developer of the deep-sand territory all through the year and although it had drilled a number of good producers, two of which started at rubber speed, neither had the staying qualities of the Wesley Robinson No. 2, the present gusher. When drilled in on Saturday, the new well started off at a rate approaching 2,000 barrels a day, and is still holding up at more than 600 barrels.

Down in Tyler county, in the Big Injun sand pool, near Wick, the three wells on John Cochrom farm are holding up very creditably, having a combined production of nearly 1,000 barrels a day. Unfortunately there is not room for more of such or any other kind of wells in this development.

When the credit balance market went bounding upward from the $1.50 mark it was predicted by many that it would soon reach $2 before the first of the year. It is not at all likely that it will now reach that point in the few remaining days of the old year, but there is little or no room for doubt that the only regret one hears is that the stuff is so hard to find. While the market has not advanced to the point hoped for, it is equally true that the production has not been increased to a degree that would justify the prediction of it going higher in the future. Operators have been making a great effort to increase their production, but nearly all have failed.

The Standard has made the statement that it was short of meeting the demand for high grade crude in November, and December will fail to meet the demand. How long these conditions will continue is of course impossible to say at the present high point is not determinable at this time, but one thing is certain, new fields will have to be discovered for the old. No matter how much operations may increase, they can bring but temporary relief if at all. No new fields have been discovered during the year, and those not fully developed have been pushed to the limit throughout the deep-sand territory, the most prolific source of new production, not more than two of the operating companies have a higher production now than at the first of the year.

It is a safe prediction to say that a $2 market would cause a greater effort to put forth to find new production than has been witnessed all through the year. The last four months have recorded the lowest production for the same period in years. Should the present cold weather continue, there will be a falling off in operations and a considerable slump in production.

No wells above the average in size were completed in either the deep or shallow sand in the Big Lime district, near Louisville. W. C. McBride drilled in another 100-barrel well, making the second in two weeks. Nothing of any special importance was developed in any of the other Southern Ohio districts. Jefferson county has some new work starting north of Knoxville.

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An increase in new work and premises to be out of the most active after the Pine Grove and Tyler districts have been more fully developed. Two new wells recently completed in the former and two extensive extensions to prove the present limits, and it is to that locality that the new work will be started.

Lowbridge county will be subjected to a more thorough testing than it has had since active development work was discontinued more than two years ago. Near Sedalia and West Union a little new work is starting. That completed during the week consisted in dusters or gassers.

In the shallow sand districts, Ritchie county is still in the lead, with new work starting in nearly all of the old developments and a creditable showing of four new wells outside of defined limits. The Ohio Creek district has added a list of three now claiming attention. The wells completed during the week came in small, and three fell to the dowser list.

Of the shallow sand district, the Big Injun sand pool, near Wick, in Tyler county, is going to be the best results. Operations in this district have increased and an increase in the production of each of any other kind of wells in this development.

Pleasants county has more new work under way than at any previous time during the year. In the St. Marys district and on McKinney Run several new operations have been started within the last month.

In Calhoun county, the Sheva grit district, in Yellow creek, completed two wells, and both were dusters. There is little new work starting in this locality, but there is still room and hope for extending the producing limits. Boreing on Wirt county there is some test work of an experimental nature starting.

In Doddridge county there is an increase in operations, but the work is not far along, and when completed the most that can be expected is 5 or 10-barrel pumpers. The Boreing, Spring Creek and Wolf county and borderings on Calhoun, is increasing in new work. There is another district, from which nothing but light wells are expected. It is shallow sand and will not pay any kind of a pumper is a paying investment.

The new development down in Cabell county is attracting attention again. During the week a test well was drilled in the Berkley farm, but is reported to have proved a duster. Barrels the first four days after it had been drilled into the pay. Six wells are drilling in that district and with the completion the territorial surrounding the Beckett farm well will be fairly tested.

The most important discovery made on the Ohio side during last week was the Goodnow well, on the Ohio river, in Youngstown county. When the well was drilled into the Berea grit by the Hare Run Oil Company nothing but gas was developed, and it was shut in. In the early part of last week the owners decided to use the gas and opened up the well. It began to spray oil and increased its production and on Thursday placed 130 barrels to its credit. This opens up new possibilities for this development. Previous to this discovery the Berea grit was not regarded as producing formation in that locality. Wells that had been drilled through the Big Injun and failed to get production will now be put down to the lower sand.

Nothing new was developed in the Big Injun district on Trail run, near Antioch, Monroe county. The three good producers are holding up very well and the number should be increased by the end of the week. Rigs are being erected in clusters or gassers.

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NEW YORK WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Statement of the associated banks of the city of New York, from reports to the New York clearing house, as required under section 14 of the Constitution, for the week ended yesterday:

Banks.	Loans.	Specie.	Legals.	Deposits.	Circulation.
Bank of N. Y. Nat. Exg. Assn.	$ 15,558,000	$ 2,142,000	$ 1,314,000	$ 15,264,000	$ 500,000
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	10,500,000	1,603,000	2,195,000	21,595,000	.....
Merchants' National Bank	3,149,000	464,000	277,000	3,746,000	.....
Mechanics' National Bank	12,857,000	2,197,000	611,000	13,417,000	.....
Bank of America	10,328,500	2,811,500	2,500,000	15,340,000	.....
Phenix National Bank	1,852,000	477,000	142,000	1,921,000	41,000
National City Bank	178,176,700	24,984,200	7,718,900	174,718,900	4,948,000
Chemical National Bank	10,216,500	4,784,700	1,777,000	23,177,200	.....
Merchants Exch. Nat. Bank	4,807,000	969,500	214,000	5,032,500	224,500
Gallatin National Bank	1,620,000	620,000	120,000	1,720,000	300,000
Nat. Butchers & Drovers Bank	1,040,000	284,000	62,000	1,400,000	94,500
Mechanics & Traders Bank	1,021,000	270,000	104,000	1,171,000	.....
Greenwich Bank	2,130,000	598,000	99,000	1,808,000	.....
Leather Manf. National Bank	4,240,000	892,500	577,000	5,436,700	452,500
Seventh Ward National Bank	1,179,000	246,000	90,000	1,247,000	100,000
National Park Bank	32,980,600	12,540,000	4,998,000	49,107,000	2,000,000
Mercantile National Bank	21,840,200	4,860,400	1,704,000	24,600,000	1,000,000
Pacific Bank	1,041,500	209,000	478,200	1,776,500	.....
Chatham National Bank	2,731,000	792,000	501,000	3,702,000	45,000
Tradesmens' National Bank	1,707,000	471,000	141,000	1,911,000	.....
Nat. Bank of North America	13,753,400	1,779,000	1,464,300	13,818,000	900,000
Hanover National Bank	24,180,000	8,360,000	4,370,000	37,210,000	1,000,000
Irving National Bank	5,354,000	792,000	493,000	4,744,000	450,000
Citizens' Central Nat. Bank	3,258,000	1,000,000	211,000	4,000,000	.....
Nassau Bank	2,304,000	371,700	145,000	2,500,000	.....
Market & Fulton National Bank	2,457,000	1,031,500	179,000	3,240,400	.....
National Bank of Republic	3,647,900	1,197,700	330,000	4,500,000	50,000
Chase National Bank	12,744,000	3,141,000	1,200,000	15,811,000	.....
National Park Bank	32,980,600	12,540,000	4,998,000	49,107,000	2,000,000
Third River National Bank	1,161,800	258,000	100,000	1,332,000	45,000
Fourth National Bank	10,000,000	2,254,800	1,000,000	13,000,000	1,000,000
Central National Bank	3,240,000	1,440,000	432,000	5,040,000	300,000
Second National Bank	4,254,000	1,114,000	1,377,000	6,000,000	269,700
First National Bank	14,700,000	10,904,900	1,740,000	27,000,000	2,000,000
New York County Nat. Bank	1,214,200	1,704,800	387,200	3,441,000	450,000
German American Bank	3,504,200	695,000	178,800	3,471,500	.....
German National Bank	26,031,100	12,000,400	1,501,400	44,803,700	2,000,000
Fifth National Bank	4,500,000	1,100,000	1,000,000	6,600,000	250,000
German Exchange Bank	2,612,700	1,188,000	1,000,000	5,017,300	.....
Germania Bank	2,017,000	422,000	113,000	2,400,000	.....
Lincoln National Bank	3,000,000	978,000	1,771,000	6,000,000	.....
Garfield National Bank	2,000,000	1,000,000	474,000	3,000,000	.....
Fifth National Bank	2,500,000	470,000	330,000	2,500,000	250,000
Bank of the Metropolis	1,000,000	1,000,000	400,000	2,000,000	.....
West Side Bank	1,228,000	252,000	200,000	1,500,000	.....
Bank of National Exchange	12,870,000	2,747,000	1,000,000	16,000,000	750,000
First Nat. Bank, Brooklyn	4,251,000	967,000	1,000,000	6,000,000	500,000
Liberty National Bank	10,000,000	2,000,000	800,000	13,000,000	1,000,000
New York Produce Exchange Bank	1,000,000	222,000	100,000	1,300,000	1,000,000
New Amsterdam Bank	2,000,000	500,000	200,000	2,500,000	500,000
Astor National Bank	1,000,000	204,000	276,000	1,500,000	250,000
Totals	$402,205,900	$103,131,900	$50,982,500	$509,103,500	$25,201,800
Totals, last week	$401,772,000	$103,131,900	$50,982,500	$509,103,500	$25,201,800

Reserve on total deposits, decrease $1,430,525. Reserve on deposits other than United States, decrease $1,430,000.

*United States deposits included, $25,450,000.

Clearings for week, $1,000,581,560.62. Balances for week, $25,504,005.74. Five days.

The Three Rivers

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—[Special.]—The stage of the river at 6 p. m. marked 5.7 feet and falling, making a rise of 1.3 feet during the past 24 hours. The weather is moderating, and indications are that navigation will open with suspended. The ice broke today for the second time. There is little prospect, however, of a resumption of navigation here for some days, as the stream is reported full of heavy ice from Maysville to Portsmouth and every creek and gap.

WHEELING—River, 5 feet 8 inches, rising. Considerable ice. Weather, cloudy. Up with coopers. Arrived, Virginia, Kanawha, 5 p. m. Steamer Jos. Ely, reliably reported aground in Parkersburg Packet Company, will be used in wheeling, Parkersburg and Cincinnati trade.

LOUISVILLE—River, rising, 4.7 feet in canal, 2.5 feet on falls, 7.9 feet below falls. Clear, cold.

FT. PLEASANT—River, 4 feet 6 inches and falling. Half full of ice. R. F. Gilman, down.

GALLIPOLIS—River, 5 feet and falling. No boats. Weather clear and cold.

WARREN—River, 1 foot 5 inches. Weather cold and heavy snow.

OIL CITY—River, 2 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather cold and snowing.

GREENSBORO—River, 9 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold. Heavy ice running.

MORGANTOWN—River, 6 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

The stage of water at the Davis Island dam at 8 o'clock last night was 7.6 feet, and the river was falling.

STEAMBOAT SUNK.

Heavy Ice Rams a Packet at Public Landing at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—The packet Grapevine was sunk at the public landing here today by an ice jorge, being the second boat sunk here by ice within a week. With moving ice in four stock other craft and superintendents are in danger. The Grapevine left Pittsburg Friday carrying cargo to over $10,000. None of the cargo was saved. Captain Payne and Mate Tucker were the last to leave the boat after all others were landed.

CRIPPLE DEFIED POLICE, BUT IS AGAIN ARRESTED

The alleged disorderly house kept by William Frill, at 125 South Twenty-fourth street was raided yesterday. The proprietor and six visitors were arrested. Frill, we have been told, was in an accident some years ago and was directed by a doctor to change that name. At that time he boasted that he would continue his business, and defied the police to catch him.

Church Damaged by Fire.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The First Methodist Episcopal church, suffered $15,000 fire this morning. The flames originated in the organ loft, from one of the furnace rooms on the ground floor. The church was insured for $20,000, at cost $118,000.

Bad Fire in a New Jersey City.

LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 27.—The Hooker building, 5 four-story structure in this place, was destroyed by fire today. The total loss is estimated at from $30,000 to $40,000.

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Deliveries Prevent Will Cost You Only Half Price.

Blessed be New Years. It gives you a grateful opportunity to reciprocate gracefully any Christmas gift that was a glad surprise. Fortunately for those whose funds are running low—a reproduction of Campbell's almost 25th many, many articles eligible for present purposes are available, but now at "The Peoples Store" at half price—and many for even less money.

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MANY TO LEAVE ARMY AND NAVY

Retirements for 1904 Will Include Six Generals and Eight Rear Admirals.

YOUNG GOES OUT IN JANUARY

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—There will be some important retirements among the high ranking officers of the army and navy during the coming year. One lieutenant general, one major general and four brigadier generals of the army will go out during the approaching 12 months, and the naval retirements will include no less than eight rear admirals.

Retirements under the operation of the law in 1904 in the army will take place as follows: Lieut.-Gen. S. B. M. Young, January 8; Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Allen, corps of engineers, January 31; Maj. William W. Gilbert, pay department, March 3; Col. Timothy E. Wilcox, medical department, April 28; Brig.-Gen. J. P. Sanger, May 4; Brig.-Gen. William A. Knobbe, May 10; Col. Alfred Mordecai, ordnance department, June 30; Brig.-Gen. Peter C. Haines, July 6; Brig.-Gen. A. E. Bates, paymaster general, July 15; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Kilbourne, medical department, August 14; Maj. Jerome A. Watrous, pay department, September 6; Lieut.-Col. Peter Leary, Jr., artillery corps, September 15; Col. John B. McGinnis, ordnance department, September 17; Col. Harry I. Haskell, Third infantry, September 24; Lieut.-Col. Samuel L. Woodward, Seventh cavalry, October 28; Col. Jacob Kline, Twenty-first infantry, November 5; Col. John J. O'Connell, Thirtieth infantry, December 16.

Retirements in the navy during the year 1904 will take place as follows: Rear Admiral Charles O'Neill, now on duty as chief of ordnance of the navy, March 15; Rear Admiral M. L. Johnson, commandant of the Boston navy yard, June 1; Rear Admiral John J. Read, chairman of the lighthouse board, June 17; Rear Admiral John C. Watson, president of the naval examining and retiring boards, August 21; Commander (chief engineer) James H. Perry, on duty in the bureau of steam navigation, August 31; Rear Admiral Merrill Miller, commander of the Pacific navy district, September 22; Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic training squadron, November 5; Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, commandant of the naval station at Honolulu, December 28.

There will be only one retirement during 1904 in the marine corps—that of Col. C. Heath, the adjutant and inspector of the corps, who goes on the retired list on December 15.

Slavs Beat Up a Pittsburgher.

Andy Urey, Nicholas Glosovik, Peter Tetzoth, James Iosivik and Andy Rishi, all Slavs of Sawmill valley, Allegheny, were each fined $10 yesterday for beating a man in River avenue, late Saturday night. The victim gave his name as John Smith of Pittsburgh and was discharged.

Hit Saloonkeeper With Beer Glass.

Louis Witkofski of Birmingham avenue South Side, went into a saloon at South Twelfth and Pius street, Saturday night, and became the proprietor, John Miller, refused him a drink he struck him with a beer glass. Witkofski was arrested and fined $20.

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In the Avenue theater advertisement appearing in The Sunday Gazette the announcement was made that there would be "8 people on the stage." It should read "50 people," the bill being quite the largest ever arranged by Manager Davis.

SEEK TO LIGHTEN LIFE IN THE NAVY

Board of Officers to Devise Means to Prevent Dissatisfaction Among Enlisted Men.

MAY ADOPT ENGLISH PLAN

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 19, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.

A board of naval officers is in session here considering changes that will be necessary in the establishment of the barracks system for the accommodation of enlisted men of the navy. Among the officers on this board are Civil Engineer Peary, Surgeon Beyer and Lieut. Commander Sims, all of whom recently went to Europe to inquire into the methods followed by the leading naval powers in taking care of their jack tars.

Probably the most important point that the board is considering is a plan for the general improvement of the conditions of the enlisted men of the American navy. Considerable dissatisfaction has been found to exist among the men during the past year, and so great was the ill-feeling at one time that an official order was sent to the commanders to report the reasons for it. It was then found that close confinement on shipboard at hard work and with little or no shore leave, were responsible for the bad spirit and numerous desertions.

In its forthcoming report the board will refer to the steps that have been taken by foreign nations to add to the contentment of their sailors. In England, this is afforded by liberal rewards for good conduct and efficiency in the performance of duty, to the extent that a boy of 15 years has before him the prospect of being discharged at 37 with a life pension of the equivalent of $250, and a certainty of securing lucrative employment. He knows that when not actually on duty during home service, he can pass his entire time with family or friends. Due allowance is made for the weaknesses of men and overindulgence in liquor is not considered a military offense under all circumstances. There is greater leniency in the punishment for outstanding leave. Life in barracks is made agreeable by recreations, indoor and outdoor entertainments and a canteen, where beer is served in limited quantities to individuals and the profits are invested for the benefit of the patrons. It was found that the officers believe in the canteen and that it contributed to the good health, discipline and contentment of a command.

The board is of the opinion that the life in barracks should be made as comfortable as possible, and furnish as great a change in habit of living as may be, as a relief from the monotony on board ship. It was found that the enlisted men favored the system that gave to them advantages and conveniences in place of the necessarily limited comforts of shipboard.

CHILD WANTS DIVORCE.

Young Girl Seeks Separation and Alimony from Her Boy Husband.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A remarkable petition for divorce was filed late Saturday. It reads: "Edna M. Spitler, an infant, by her next friend, Ellis Hall vs. Harry E. Spitler, Nellie Spitler, et al."

Ellis Hall is the father of Edna Spitler, who is but 16, and the defendant husband has not yet attained his majority. Plaintiff avers that they were married with parental consent at Monroe, Mich., October 10, 1902, and that he lived with her but a week. She seeks divorce, restoration to her maiden name and an alimony out of the immense wealth to which Spitler is heir.

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WOMEN AS GENIUSES.

Have an Exhibition of Inventions Which Are Both Practical and Useful.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Special Cable.)—A most interesting exhibition has just been held at Brighton, which is at last filling up with Londoners. It was an inventions exhibition, and in the more domestic departments of the show nearly all the inventions were those of women. One was a really clever collapsible sunshade for cycling; another was a kitchen table which could be transformed into a writing desk, and a third was an appliance for cleaning windows which apparently did away with the servant problem.

A very simple and ingenious contrivance was one for preventing candle drips and for increasing the lighting power of the candle itself. Every lady at the show felt perfectly confident that she had a fortune in her grasp and said so.

ALLEGED FORGER CAUGHT.

The Fictitious J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., Arrested in Canada.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 27.—There is no doubt in the minds of the police but that the man arrested on the Canadian side of the river last night is James Abeel of New York, who it is alleged posed as "J. Ogden Goelet, Jr.," and claiming relationship to the well-known Goelet family, became engaged to Miss Grace Anderson of New York. The prisoner, however, maintains his name is Hall.

On Wednesday two men went to the Savoy hotel at Niagara Falls, Ont. One gave his name as F. S. Hall and the other as W. K. Hall. Last night the Ontario police received a telegram from Inspector McCluskey of the New York police asking him to arrest F. S. Hall, wanted in New York on a charge of forgery. Hall engaged counsel and will fight extradition. The description of F. S. Hall and James Abeel tally closely. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

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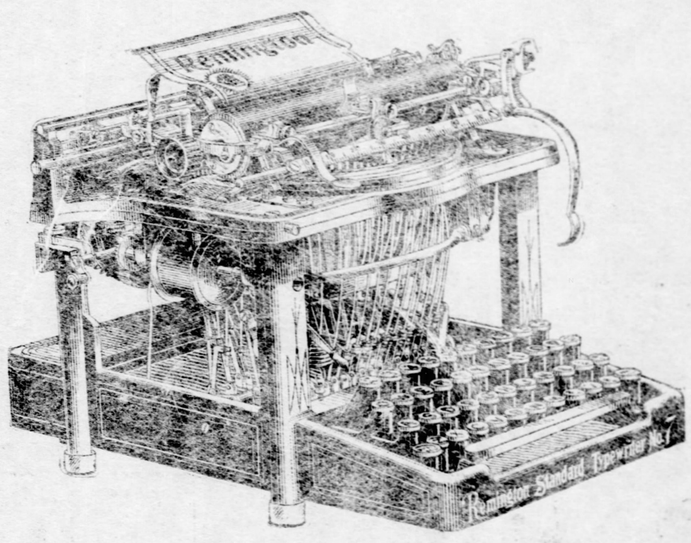

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CLOTH-BOUND BOOKS. About three hundred volumes which are standard titles by well-known authors, printed from clear type on good paper, change their price from 19c to..... 10c

PICTURE BOOKS. A big lot of Children's 10c Picture Books, some with board backs and some with linen covers, all go at..... 5c

SCRAP BASKETS. All shapes and colors will be found among the fancy 89c Scrap Baskets, whose price is now changed to..... 50c

BABY BONNETS. White and Colored Silk Bonnets, trimmed with ribbons and lace ruchings—our 39c and 50c quality, for..... 25c

LAST SHUFFLE OF THE CHRISTMAS TOYS

EXPRESS WAGONS, ETC. Formerly $10, $7.50, $5.00, $3.50, $1.25. Now $5, $3.75, $2.50, $1.75, 63c.

DOLL FURNITURE. Chiffoniers, Sideboards, Wash Stands, Bureaus, Drawers. Formerly $2.50, $2.25, $1.50, $1.25. Now $1.25, $1.13, 75c, 63c.

"COMBINOLA" BOARDS. Six games in one. Former prices $1.50 to $7.50. Present prices—Just half.

SLEDS. About a dozen—$1.50, $1.25 and $1 sleds for 75c, 63c and 50c.

CARPENTER. Were $1, $1.50, $2.50, $3.50.

TOOL CHESTS. Now 50c, 75c, $1.25, $1.75.

DOLL TRUNKS. Were $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.50. Now 50c, 65c, 75c, $1.25.

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Fortunate Findings

UNTRIMMED HATS. We pile up on a special table in the millinery show room a lot of turbans and large shapes in black, brown, blue and castor — various grades worth up to $1.48; some for ladies' wear and some for children. End-of-season price..... 50c

MEN'S OVERCOATS. All-wool Overcoats in Oxford gray, sizes 34 to 38 only, 52 inches long and sold in the regular way at $12.50, take a sudden drop to..... $7.50

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS. Stylish, dashing Box Overcoats, in gray, brown and black, to fit boys 15, 16 and 17 years old. Sold regularly at $12.50, a drop to..... $5.00

LADIES' MILITARY COATS. Black Kersey Military Coats, in reasonable weights and desirable shades, with deep capes, velvet collars, brass buttons and fine warm lining throughout, change their $12 price now to..... $8.75

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FINEST FUR BOAS. Long, rich Boas in black lynx, marked to sell for $55; take a sudden drop to..... $30

BLACK PETTICOATS. Mercerized Sateen Underskirts with tucked flounces and dust ruffles, sold regularly at $1. Box-emptying price..... 69c

CORSETS. A pile of odds and ends—some left over from lines otherwise closed out, and some slightly soiled, in such well known brands as "American Beauty," "Kabo," etc.—Corsets that sold up to $1.25. Counter-clearing price..... 50c

CHILDREN'S COATS. Colored Coats in walking lengths, in blue, brown, tan, green and red, trimmed with laces, ribbons and braids. Sizes 1 to 5 years.
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